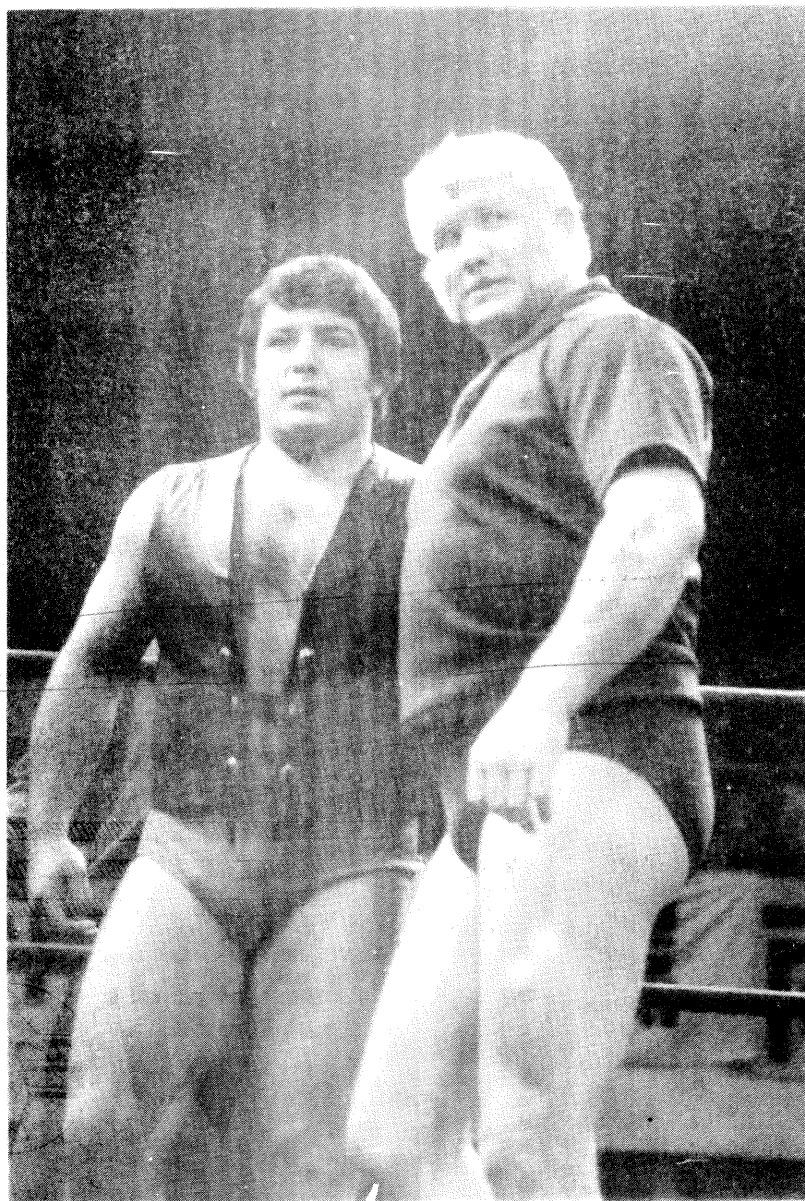




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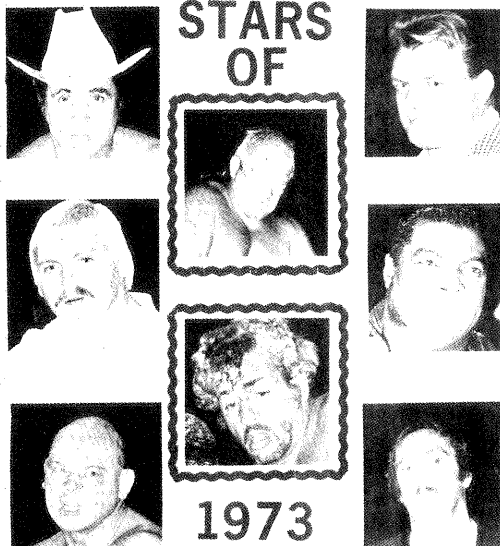
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How many can you find and circle?

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the fifth issue of IWD. I present this issue with great pride for several reasons. This issue will (or should) reach subscribers well within a month from our last issue which was long overdue. Issue #4 being overdue was caused by our inexperience in printing it ourselves. For that reason, it was far from perfect but much was learned and the quality of printing this time shows that improvement. This issue and #6 will cover a month-and-a-half and if the next issue can be completed as swiftly as this one, IWD will become more up-to-date. We can't furnish you the scoops of a fan club bulletin, but we will be ahead of the national magazines and be the most thorough reference and record book possible.

We are very pleased to add to our "Down Memory Lane" feature of old results and capsules of specific towns in specific years by presenting Jeffrey Siegel who published "The Golden Years-Wrestling's Nostalgiazine". When it became rather impractical to continue it's publication, Jeff asked if he could continue it as a regular column in IWD and we were most pleased to offer him that opportunity.

One of the finest wrestling bulletins ever to be organized, Florida Fan Fare, must close up shop after 2 more issues, as editor Scott Teal will take a year away from college and be working full time; Co-editor James Brown begins the fall term in college at Miami. IWD certainly hopes that it will be able to keep alive the talents of Scott and James in it's pages, as it is with Jeffrey.

Since I began putting together a wrestling publication, I have seen many worthwhile efforts, such as Lone-Star Wrestling, fall by the way-side. Fans deserve to have these publications. That is why it is so important that IWD do its own printing, so we can afford to keep operating. It is hoped that enough fans discover and enjoy it, that the quality returns to what it was originally and that full time efforts can be devoted to it. With the summer months ahead, you will see the fruit of this extra time in future and Special Issues.

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IWD is pleased to again feature a page on Wrestling in Great Britain, written by John Slorance. Such a page will appear in every other issue. In Issues when a page of British news is not included, IWD will have a page of area ratings, from the opinions of the many correspondents whose contributions make this publication so worthwhile.

At least we hope it is thought to be the outstanding publication on wrestling. As unhappy as I was with the final results of IWD #4, it was obviously better than any fan club bulletin in appearance and content, and more interesting and worthwhile reading, than any of the national magazines. Photos that did not reproduce well in the printing are either printed again this month or will again be in one of the next couple of issues. Almost every issue we printed up was mailed out. We will soon be completely out. Maybe the less than perfect quality will be more than balanced out by the fact that in future years, if IWD does become the "Sporting News" of professional wrestling, that original copies of that issue will become more valuable than Issue #1 of any national magazine on wrestling. With all of the sample copies to interest fans in IWD, we have sent out almost all of the 2,000 copies of Issue #1.

I received a letter asking me if Jean Ferre and Andre Rousimoff were the same wrestler. The answer is - yes. Many wrestlers seem to disappear when in effect they are wrestling elsewhere under another alias. All of the pseudonyms I am aware of, have been organized into a list, combined with some photos and a reprinting of the first issue of Wrestling Information Bulletin, the fan club publication I previously did. It mainly covers results and news from Nov.-Dec. of 1970, and would be of special interest to those interested in nostalgia. . . You may get your copy by sending \$1.00 to IWD's mailing address, and asking for a copy of the reprint of WIB #1.

Readers - Your ideas, criticisms, material, votes for photo of the month and favorite area (outside your own) to read about, and efforts to obtain more subscribers is encouraged. . . My apologies to those I owe letters to.

On the opposite page are 6 photos taken by IWD photographers who are interested in selling photos to you. The other photos in this issue belong exclusively to IWD, but if you want any of these representative photos shown here, you may order them.

The upper left photo of Professor Tanaka was taken by Mike Abrams, 756 E. 84th St, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11236. Mike has both color and black & white photos available for purchase. Send for list.

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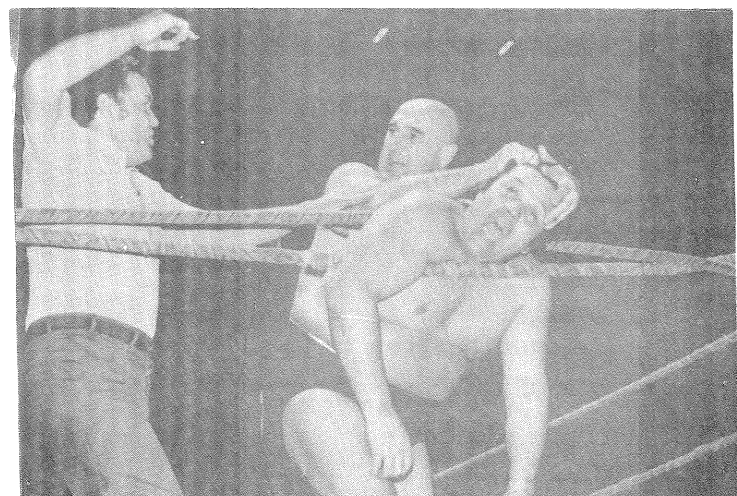
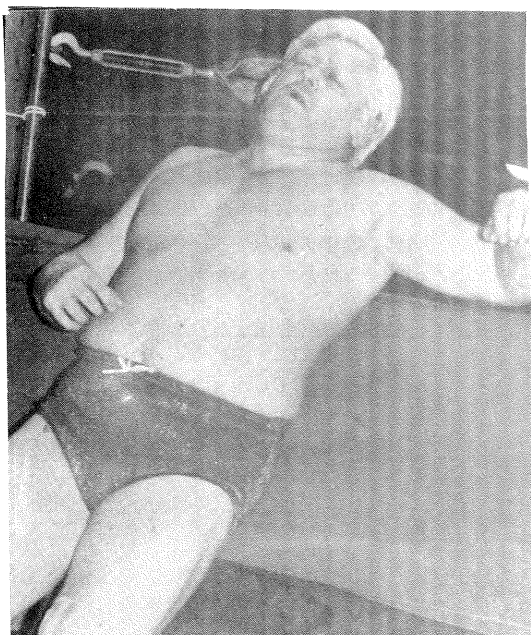
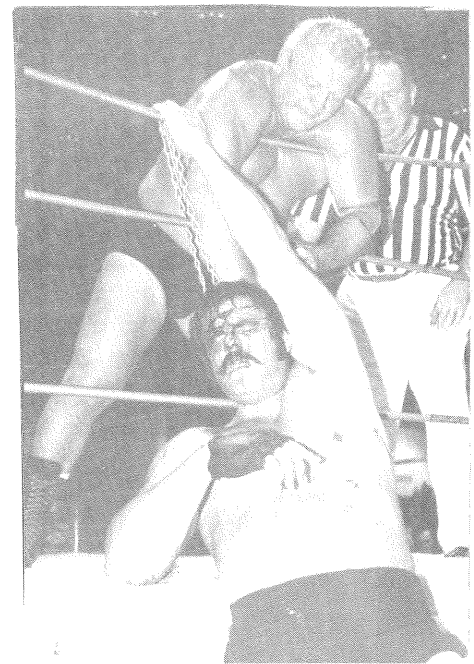
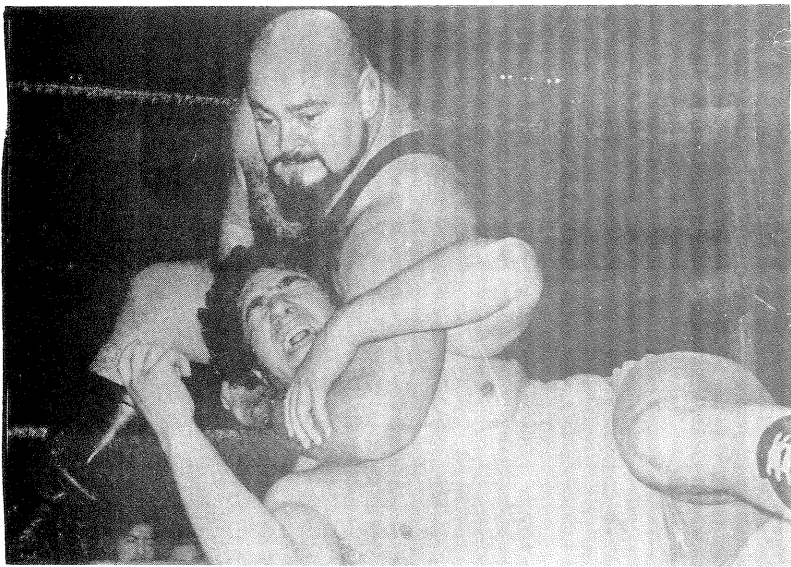
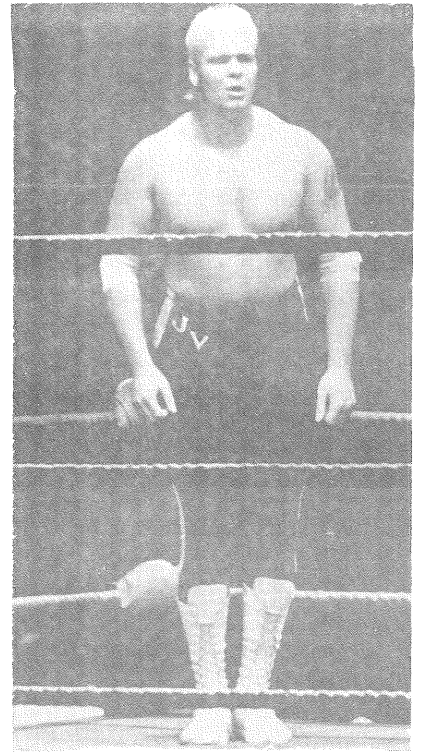
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The middle right photo of Bruiser vs Mulligan in a chain match was taken by Gary Kamensack, 12265 Corbett, Detroit, Mich. 48213, and was voted by readers as the best photo taken in IWD #3. You can get pics of Detroit stars b/w 3½x5 at 4 for \$1, or Color 3 for \$1.25.

The lower right photo of White Owl vs Hans Schmidt was taken by Don Freedman, 66 The Village Green, Williamsville, N.Y. 14221. NWF Color photos 3½x3½-30¢.

These photographers take quality photos. I suggest sending a check or money and order a few of the well-known area stars when writing to any of these people to ask for a list or more info on specific wrestlers. If you are not sending money, you should provide a self-addressed stamped envelope for their list. One of them should be able to provide you with almost any photo you desire. Other possibilities are Richard Windham of Texas Wrestling, Andrew Carmichael of Vancouver Scene or David Meltzer.



I. FEBRUARY WRESTLING RESULTS

2-1, Denver, Colo.

1. George Scott b John Heidman
2. Billy Graham b Reggie Parks
3. Wahoo McDaniel b Ivan Koloff, dq.
4. Rhodes-Murdoch b Robinson-Muraco

2-1, Kansas City

1. The Viking d Steve Bolus
2. Stan Pulaski b Bennie Ramirez
3. Micky Doyle b Ken Nichols
4. Togo-Tokyo Joe b Atlas-Zuma
5. Black Angus b Mike Boyette, dq.
6. Geigel-Jones b Race Kirby

2-1, New Orleans, La.

1. Ricki Starr b Silento Rodriguez
2. Bull Bullinski b Tony Nero
3. Chuck O'Connor d Mike George
4. Mongols b G.Smith-War Cloud
5. Danny Hodge b Jerry Miller

2-1, Victoria, B.C.

1. Butts Giraud b Jack Bence
2. Eddie Morrow b Sailor White
3. Eric Froelich d Buck Ramstead
4. Higuchi-Regan b Webster-Montero
5. Brute b John Quinn, dq.

2-1, Amarillo, Tex.

1. Stan Hanson b Dario Romero
2. Les Thornton b Tokyo Tom
3. Lord Al Hayes d Killer Karl Krupp
4. Ron Pritchard b Apache Gringo
5. Dory Sr.-Terry Funk b James-Ladd
6. Dory Funk Jr. b Ciclon Negro

2-1, Worchester, Mass.

1. Tony Garea b Chuck Richards
2. Lonnie Mayne b El Olimpico
3. Manuel Soto b Curtis Iaukea, dq.
4. Fuji-Tanaka d King-Strongbow
5. Pedro Morales b Buddy Wolfe

2-2, Pittsburgh, Pa.

1. Eric the Red b Tony DiPaulo
2. Tony Altomare b Frank Durso
3. Zbyszko-Holtz b Executioner-Sullivan
4. Waldo von Erich b Arnold Skoaland
5. Dom DeNucci b Curtis Iaukea, cor.
6. Kowalski-Steele b Parisi-Brito
7. Bruno Sammartino nc Toru Tanaka

2-2, Richmond, Va.

1. The Menace b Terry Sawyer
2. Frank Monte b Joe Furr
3. Killer Karl Kox b George Harris
4. Weaver-Neilson b Hawk-York
5. Patterson-Brisco b Andersons, dq.

2-2, St. Louis, Mo.

1. Ronnie Etchison b Bennie Ramirez
2. Dan Miller b Rick Renaldo
3. Dory Sr.-Terry Funk b Bolus-Myers
4. Harley Race b Jack Pesek
5. Dory Funk Jr. b Johnny Valentine
6. Envader-Ivan Koloff-Bill Miller d Rufus Jones-Jack Brisco-O'Connor

2-2, St. Joseph, Mo.

1. Togo-Tokyo Joe d Jacobs-Pulaski
2. The Viking b Argentina Zuma
3. Mickey Doyle b Ken Nichols
4. Omar Atlas b Mike Boyette
5. Roger Kirby b Black Angus Campbell

2-2, Lynchburg, Va.

1. Gary Fulton b Alex Medina
2. Angelo Martinelli b Sonny Fargo
3. Scott-Garvin b Grabmire-Valdez
4. Brown-Klondike b Boyd-Charles

2-2, Charleston, S.C.

1. Tony Romano b Mike Hall
2. Dick Shannon b Johnny Ringo
3. Thatcher-Dillon b Shannon-Morrell
4. Terry-Bobby Kay b DuBois-Sweetan

2-2, Atlanta (Jones)

1. Bobby Shane b Koa Tiki
2. Bill Dromo b Hans Schmidt
3. Oates-Armstrong b Monroe Brothers, dq.
4. Mr. Wrestling #2 b Orton Jr.-Pat O'Brien
5. Jack Evans-Treach Phillips-Bránigan
6. Johnny War Eagle b Tank Morgan
7. Zodiac b Eddie Graham
8. Blassie-Watts b Tyler-Norvel Austin
9. Sicodelico-Negra d Yokouchi-Fuji

2-2, Chattanooga, Tenn.

1. Don Anderson b Sam Bass
2. Lawler-White b Lucas-Hall
3. Charlie Cook b Bobby Jones
4. Lilly Thomas b Donna Christantello
5. Bearcat Brown-Don Greene-J. Walker b The Bounty Hunters & Jimmy Kent

2-2, Eugene, Ore.

1. Bill Howard d Al Madril
2. Jim Gagne d Matti Suzuki
3. Clay Spencer b Baron Scicluna, dq.
4. Dutch Savage b Bulldog Brown
5. Steven Little Bear b Bull Ramos, dq.

2-3, Columbus, Ga.

1. Mr. Wrestling #2 b Butcher Branigan
2. Zodiac b Johnny War Eagle
3. Armstrong-O'Brien b Yokouchi-Fuji, dq.
4. Dory Funk Jr. b Gene Kiniski

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II. FEBRUARY WRESTLING RESULTS

2-3, Melbourne, Australia

1. Bobo Johnson b Little Tokyo
2. John Da Silva b Greg Peterson
3. Bronco Barnes b **Chris Peters**
4. Ron Fuller b Vic Murray
5. Mario Milano b Hans Schroeder
6. D. Little Bear-Casey b Roop-Dunn
7. Don Carson b Dennis McCord
8. Medic #1 b Arion & Milano, dq.

2-3, Cleveland (Afternoon)

1. The Psycho b Jerry Graham
2. Tex McKenzie d Kabooki
3. Bruce Swayze d Haystacks Calhoun
4. Killer Karl Krupp b Don Serrano
5. Boris Malenko d Denis Gauthier
6. Pampero Firpo nc Johnny Valentine
7. Johnny Powers nc Waldo vn Erich
8. Calhoun won 10-man battle royal

2-3, Akron, O.

1. Castillos b McKenzie-White Owl
2. Pampero Firpo b Zulu
3. Haystacks Calhoun b Boris Malenko
4. Johnny Powers b Karl Krupp

2-3, Indianapolis, Ind.

1. Mark Manson b Buddy Pearl
2. Jimmy Valiant b Gil Guerro
3. Ernie Ladd b Tom De Marco
4. Mitsu Arakawa b Tom Lynch
5. Clem Turner b Kenny Dillinger
6. Ricky Cortez b Jim Alexi
7. Red Cloud-Bold Eagle-Bob Ellis b Arakawa-Hamaguchi-Manson
8. Dick the Bruiser b Ernie Ladd, dq.

2-3, Dothan, Ala.-----

1. Wrestling Pro b Ronnie Paul
2. Rick Gibson b The Spoiler
3. Ken Lucas b Mad Russian
4. Lucas-Gibson split 8-man royal

2-3, Portland, Ore.

1. Clay Spencer b Haru Sasaki
2. Bull Ramos b Jim Gagne
3. Matti Suzuki d Al Madril
4. Edmund Francis b Bill Howard
5. Steven Little Bear b Bulldog Brown

2-4, Green Bay, Wis.

1. Jim Brunzell b Johnny Heidman
2. Nick Bockwinkel b George Scott
3. Billy Graham b Reggie Parks
4. Wahoo McDaniel b Larry Hennig
5. Crusher-Bruiser nc Rhodes-Murdoch

2-4, Toronto, Ont.

1. Brower-Calhoun d von Hess-von Shotz
2. Luis Martinez b Mike Loren
3. Tony Marino b Nikita Muklovich
4. The Sheik b Tiger Jeet Singh
5. The Beast b Johnny Carr
6. Kabooki b Ivan Kalmikoff
7. Sweet Daddy Siki b Butcher Vachon, dq.
8. Layton-Igor d Brutus-Henning
9. Mad Dog Vachon b Gino Brito
10. Johnny Valentine b Arnold Skoaland
11. Parisi-DeNucci b Klein-Eric the Red

2-5, Ottawa, Ont.

1. Bull Gregory d Sonny Rogers
2. Paul-Joe LeDuc b B.Vachon-Gordienko, dq.
3. Dino Bravo-Gino Grito-Dom Denucci b Frenchy Martin-LeBoeuf-Giles Poisson
4. M. Vachon-Kowalski b Cleroux-Carpentier
5. Don Leo Jonathan b Bruno Sammartino, dq.

2-5, Vancouver, B.C.

1. Jack Bence d Sailor White
2. Rocky Montero b Butts Giraud
3. Ramstead-Morrow b Froelich-Higuchi
4. Sean Regan b Mike Webster
5. John Quinn b The Brute

2-5, Dayton, Ohio

1. Lou Klein b Dr. Beech
2. Jerry Graham b Zulu
3. Martinez-F. Curry b VonHess-Shotz, cor.
4. The Sheik b Bobo Brazil

2-5, Birmingham, Ala.

1. Dennis Hall d Dandy Jack Donovan
2. Reb-Farmer Pete b Cowboy Lang-Billy Kid
3. Tojo Yamamoto b George Hultz
4. The Bounty Hunters & Jimmy Kent b Don Greene-Eddie Marlin-Tom Gilbert

2-5, Fort Worth, Tex.

1. Bobby Whitlock d John Foley
2. Putski-G. Lewis b Grimaldo-E. Sullivan
3. Rick Hunter b Jack Brisco
4. Brute Bernard b Tom Jones
5. Fritz von Erich b Missouri Mauler

2-6, Atlanta (Gunkel)

1. The Avenger b Krusher Karlson
2. Jesse James b Juan Caruso
3. The Champ b Pedro Codoy
4. Randy Curtis b Oki Shikina
5. Khan-Wilkerson d Bowman-Turner
6. Dick Steinborn b Rock Hunter, dq.
7. The Assassin b Tommy Seigler
8. Ray Canty-el Mongol-Argentina Apollo b Goliath-Ox Baker-Guillotine Gordon

III. FEBRUARY WRESTLING RESULTS

2-6, Dallas, Tex.

1. Lyons-Jones b Foley-Grimaldo
2. Gene Lewis b Brute Bernard, dq.
3. Ivan Putski b Eddie Sullivan
4. Jack Brisco d Jose Lothario
5. Missouri Mauler b Bobby Duncum
6. Bronco Lubich b Gary Hart

2-6, Greensboro, N.C.

1. The Menace b Mike York
2. Jack Brisco b Bobby Shane
3. Jerry Brisco b Mike Hall
4. Neilson-Weaver nc Hawk-Kox
5. Andersons b Garvin-Patterson

2-6, Tampa, Fla.

1. Bob Bruggers b Wolfman Smith
2. Boris Malenko b Mr. X
3. Mr. Kleen b Hans Schmidt
4. Tim Woods d Gorgeous George Jr.
5. Ed-Mike Graham b Markoff-Robley
6. Buddy Colt b Mark Lewin
7. Dory Funk Jr. b Big Bad John

2-7, Nashville, Tenn.-----

1. Johnny Reb b Billy the Kid
2. Parente-Hart d Justice-D. Greene
3. Dennis Hall-Tom Gilbert-Ed Marlin
b The Bounty Hunters & Kent, dq.

2-7, Honolulu, Hawaii

1. Edmund Francis b Gordon Nelson
2. Jimmy Snuka b Benito Castro
3. Sam Steamboat d Bulldog Brown
4. Ken Patera b Tapia
5. Paul Jones b Harley Race, dq.
6. Ripper Collins nc Neff Maivia
7. Rhodes-Murdoch b Robinson-Muraco, dq.

2-7, San Antonio, Tex.

1. Ricky Hunter b Bobby Whitlock
2. Ron Pritchard b Eddie Sullivan
3. Brute Bernard b Tom Jones
4. Earnie Ladd b Ivan Putski, dq.
5. Jack Brisco b Bobby Duncum
6. Jose Lothario b Missouri Mauler, dq.

2-7, Miami, Fla.

1. Bob Bruggers b Phil Robley
2. Mike Graham b Rick Conrad
3. Mr. Kleen b Gorgeous George Jr.
4. Soto-K. Sullivan b Smith-Ritchie
5. Hester-L.D. Lewis b Slater-Slade
6. BB John-Woods b Markoff-Colt
7. Pedro Morales b Hans Schmidt
8. Dory Funk Jr. b Mark Lewin

2-7, Buffalo, N.Y.

1. Castillos d Serrano-Eric the Red
2. Johnny Powers nc Pampero Firpo
3. Bobo Brazil b Great Malenko, dq.
4. The Sheik b Jacques Rougeau, dq.
5. Tony Marino d Killer Brooks

2-7, Sacramento, Calif.

1. Pepper Gomez b Beauregarde
2. Red Bastien b Tio Taylor
3. Interns b Tufuli-Cruz
4. Ray Stevens b Lars Anderson
5. Mephisto-L. Graham b Patterson-John-
son, dq.

2-8, Kansas City

1. Omar Atlas d Steve Bolus
2. Abe Jacobs d Mike Boyette
3. The Viking b Ken Nichols
4. Stan Pulaski b Mickey Doyle
5. Roger Kirby d Black Angus Campbell
6. Geigel-Jones b Togo-Tokyo Joe

2-8, New Orleans

1. Silento Rodrguez d Ricki Starr
2. Wee Willie Wilson b Little Bruiser
3. Dennis Stamp d Chuck O'Connor
4. Hodge-Grizzly Smith b Mongols, dq.

2-8, Amarillo

1. Hank James d Moose Morowski
2. Ricky Romero b Karl Krupp
3. Les Thornton d Karl von Steiger
4. Don-John Fargo b Hayes-N. Kozak
5. Ciclon Negro b The Beast

2-8, Cleveland

1. Boris Malenko b Zulu
2. von Hess-von Shotz b D.Miller-Psycho
3. Johnny Powers b Fidel-Raoul Castillo
4. Johnny Valentine nc Pampero Firpo

2-9, Eugene

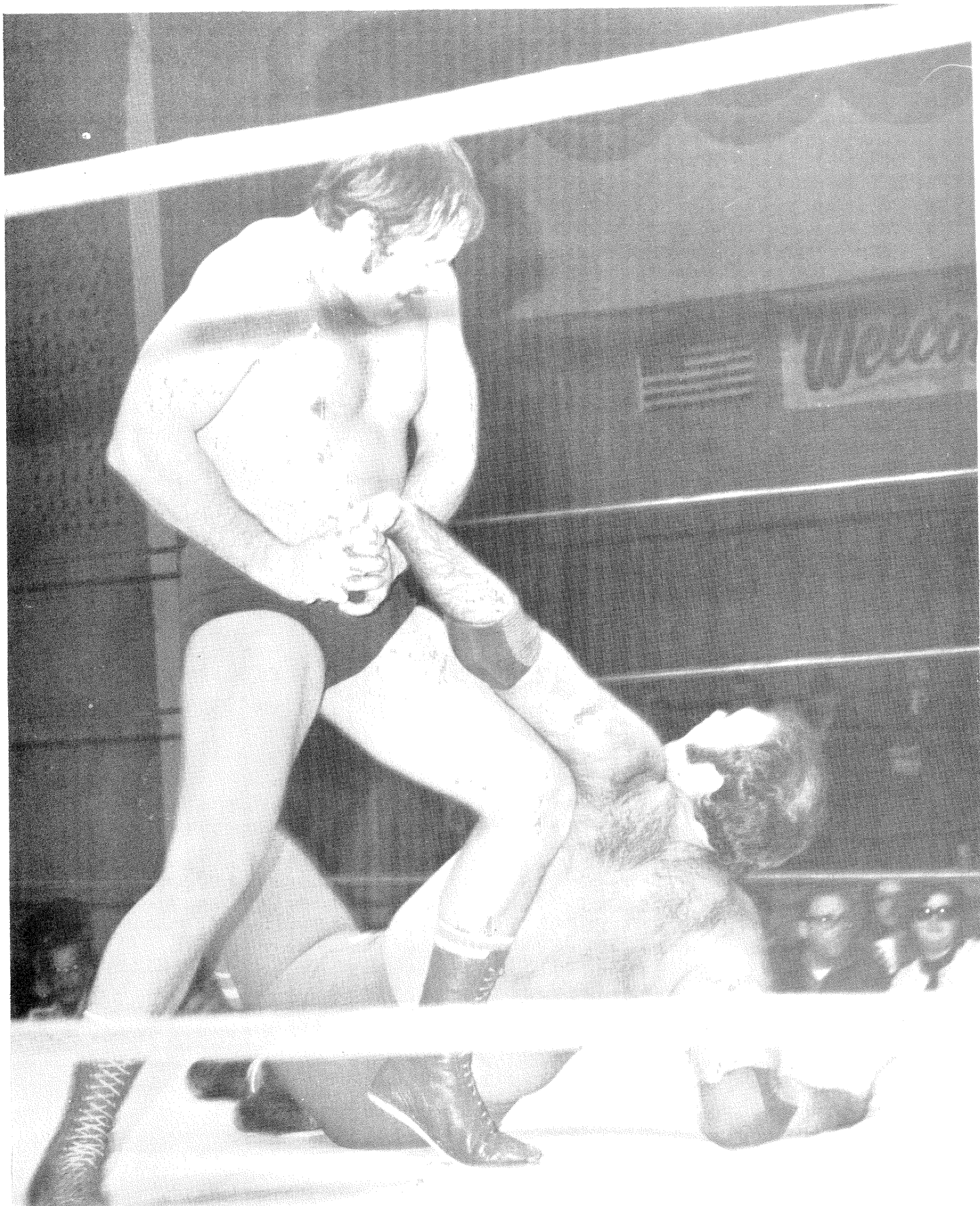
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2. Clay Spencer d Bill Howard
3. Savage-Little Bear b Ramos-Scicluna

2-9, Lynchburg

1. Gary Fulton b Tony Romano
2. Mike Hall b Johnny Ringo
3. Thatcher-Dillon b Alaskans
4. Boyd-Charles b Sweetan-DuBois

2-9, Charleston

1. Pedro Columbo b Pancho Valdez
2. Sandy Scott b The Menac e
3. Bobby-Terry Kay b Valdez-Morrell
4. Jerry Brisco-T Bolt Patterson-Weaver
b Homer O'Dell-Karl Kox-Rip Hawk



BUCK RAMSTED applies armbar to MIKE WEBSTER

IV. FEBRUARY WRESTLING RESULTS

2-9, Richmond

1. Joe Furr d Terry Sawyer
2. Luke Brown b George Harris
3. Klondike Bill b Jim Grabmire
4. Grable-Green b Downs-Kaye
5. R. Garvin-Neilson b the Andersons, dq.

2-9, Atlanta

1. Tank Morgan b Koa Tiki
2. Sicolodelico-Negra b Phillips-Evans
3. Mr. Wrestling II b Butcher Brannigan
4. Yokouchi-Fuji b Orton Jr.-O'Brien
5. The Monroes b Armstrong-Eagles
6. Jerry Oates-Norvel Austin-Watts b Tarzan Tyler-Tom Jones-Bobby Shane
7. The Zodiac b Bill Dromo
8. Mr. Wrestling b Gene Kiniski

2-9, St. Joseph

1. Argentina Zuma d Mickey Doyle
2. Ken Nichols b Bennie Ramirez, dq.
3. Rufus Jones b Mike Boyette
4. Angus-Jacobs d Togo-Tokyo Joe
5. Roger Kirby b Omar Atlas

2-9, Abilene

1. Karl von Krupp d Les Thornton
2. The Beast b Al Hayes
3. Don-John Fargo b Kozak-Romero
4. Ciclon Negro b Hank James

2-9, Houston

1. Bobby Duncum b Bobby Whitlock
2. Brute Bernard b Gene Lewis
3. Rick Hunter b Red Lyons
4. Missouri Mauler b Jose Lothario
5. Ivan Putski b John Foley
6. Jack Brisco b Johnny Valentine
7. Ivan Putski won battle royal

2-9, Los Angeles

1. Kim Duk b Jan Madrid
2. Massa Saito b Frankie Laine
3. Juan Rivas d Earl Maynard
4. Gordon Nelson b Kinji Shibuya
5. Morgan-Mata b Gordman-Goliath
6. The Destroyer b Fred Blassie, dq.
7. Victor Rivera b Terry Funk

2-10, Beloit, Wis.

1. Pete Colt b Steve Dalton
2. Gene Gordon nc Tiny Tim Hampton
3. Stroheim-Jacks b Ryan-Bettencort
4. The Ratman b Johnny Gilbert

2-10, Akron

1. Love Bros. b Serrano-White Owl
2. The Rougeaus b The Castillos
3. Bulldog Brower b Johnny Powers, dq.
4. Love Bros. b The Rougeaus

2-10, Philadelphia

1. Vincente Pometti b Miguel Feleciano
2. Curtis Iaukea b Sonny King
3. Buddy Wolfe b Mike Conrad
4. Pedro Morales b Lonnie Mayne
5. El Olimpico d Manuel Soto
6. Monsoon-Garea b Tanaka-Fuki, dq.

2-10, Detroit (Cobo)

1. Lou Klein b Tom Reeseaman
2. Kabooki b Dr. Beech
3. Sweet Daddy Siki b Zulu, cor.
4. Psycho-Igor-Dan Miller-Haystacks b Zebra Kid-Luka-Loren-J. Graham
5. McKenzie-Strongbow b Medic-B. Miller
6. Dory Funk Jr. b Pampero Firpo, dq.
7. Tony Marino b Jim Arnett
8. Bobo Brazil b Killer Brooks, dq.
9. The Sheik b Johnny Valentine
10. Curry-Martinez b Von Hess-Shotz

2-10, Milwaukee

1. Rene Goulet b George Scott
2. Reggie Parks b Lord Blears
3. Ken Patera b Johnny Heidman
4. Billy Graham b Bill Watts
5. Bockwinkel-Stevens b Robinson-Muraco

2-10, Melbourne, Australia

1. Carson-Dunn b Roop-Casey
2. Medics b Arion-Milano
3. Guy Mitchell b Fuller, dq. (Ron)
4. Paul DeMarco b Danny Little Bear
5. John DaSilva b Robert Bruce
6. Chris Peters b Ron Miller
7. John Grey b Greg Peterson

2-10, Portland, Ore.

1. Madril-Spencer d Suzuki-Sasaki
2. Dutch Savage b Butts Giraud
3. Steven Little Bear b Bill Howard, dq.
4. Bull Ramos b Jim Gagne
5. Stan Stasiak b Baron Scicluna

2-11, Toronto, Ont.

1. D. Miller-L. Henning d Calhound-F. Curry
2. Bulldog Brower b Mike Loren
3. Martinez-McKenzie b B. Vachon-Gregory
4. The Sheik b Tony Marino
5. Pampero Firpo b Ivan Kalmikoff
6. Layton-Beast b Eric the Red-Brutus, dq.
7. Siki-Igor d von Hess-von Shotz
8. DeNucci-Parisi b Brooks-Kabooki, dq.
9. Dory Funk Jr. b Johnny Valentine

2-11, Tulsa, Okla.

1. Mike George b The Viking
2. Ricki Starr b The Pro
3. Bepo-Geeto b Bullinski-Akbar
4. Danny Hodge b Jerry Miller
5. Dewey Robertson b Bob Sweetan, cor.

V. FEBRUARY WRESTLING RESULTS

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2-11, Minneapolis, Minn.

1. Edmund Francis d Big K
2. Rene Goulet d Rick Flair
3. Larry Hennig b Lord Blears
4. Ken Patera b Quintero-Heideman
5. Crusher nc Dusty Rhodes
6. Koloff-Graham b Watts-McDaniel

2-12, Memphis, Tenn.

1. Kangaroos b Justice-Atlas
2. Hart-Parente b Dupree-War Cloud
3. Lawler-White-Bass-Murasaki-Fuji b Brown-Jones-Cook-R. Welch-Lyons
4. Al-Don Greene b Marlin-Gilbert
5. Yamamoto-Jerry Jarrett-Jackie Fargo b The Bounty Hunters-Jimmy Kent
6. Fargo & Jarrett won 32-man royal.

2-12, Fort Worth, Tex.

1. Cisco Grimaldo b Gene Lewis
2. Bobby Whitlock b Eddie Sullivan
3. Putski-Jones b Foley-Blanchard
4. Missouri Mauler b Red Lyons, dq.
5. Brute Bernard nc Bobby Duncum

2-12, Vancouver, B.C.

1. Butts Giraud b Sailor White
2. Eric Froelich b Jack Bence
3. Buck Ramsted b Eddie Morrow
4. Dean Higuchi b Rocky Montero
5. Brute-Webster b Quinn-Regan, dq.

2-13, Tampa, Fla.

1. Bob Bruggers b Phil Robley
2. Mike Graham b Chris Markoff
3. Mark Lewin b Hans Schmidt
4. Bonnie Watson b Kay Noble
5. G. George Jr.-Shane b Woods-BB John
6. Jerry Brisco b Buddy Colt, dq.
7. Dory Funk Jr. b Jack Brisco

2-13, Perth, Australia

1. Danny Little Bear b Bruno Massi
2. Spiro Arion b Dale Lewis
3. John DaSilva nc Bob Roop
4. Greg & Bobbi Peterson b Bronco Barnes & Sherri Sinatra (mixed)
5. Fuller-Milano nc Dunn-Carson

2-13, Dallas, Tex.

1. John Foley d Bobby Whitlock
2. Ricky Hunter b Cisco Grimaldo
3. Jose Lothario b Tom Jones
4. Ivan Putski b Paidousis-Lehman
5. Spoiler-Duncum nc Mauler-Bernard

2-13, San Jose, Calif.

1. Red Bastien b Tio Taylor
2. Interns b Cruz-Rocco
3. Graham-Mephisto b Stevens-Gomez

2-13, Cincinnati, O.

1. Fred Curry b Jerry Graham
2. Kabooki-Loren b Psycho-Haystacks
3. The Sheik nc Bobo Brazil
4. Pampero Firpo b Igor Vodik, dq.
5. Killer Brooks b Tony Marino
6. D. Miller-McKenzie b Von Hess- von Shotz, dq.

2-14, Buffalo, N.Y.

1. Parisi-R. Rougeau b Love Bros. dq.
2. Johnny Powers b Waldo von Erich, cor.
3. Eric the Red nc Don Serrano
4. Bruce Swayze b The Executioner, dq.
5. Rougeaus b Castillos

2-14, Rockford, Ill.

1. Rick Flair b James Blears
2. Larry Hennig b George Scott
3. Ken Patera b Rene Goulet
4. Rhodes-Murdoch b Muraco-Robinson, dq.

2-14, Nashville, Tenn.

1. Ben Justice b Sam Bass
2. Lawler-White b Jarrett-J. Fargo
3. Al Greene b Leon Chandler
4. Roy Welch-Eddie Marlin-Tom Gilbert b The Bounty Hunters & Jimmy Kent

2-14, Des Moines, Ia.

1. Angus-Pulaski b Togo-Tokyo Joe, dq.
2. Abe Jacobs b Ken Nichols
3. Jones-Geigel b Boyette-Doyle
4. Roger Kirby b Omar Atlas

2-14, San Antonio, Tex.

1. Eddie Sullivan b Gene Lewis
2. Tom Jones b Cisco Grimaldo
3. Brute Bernard b Bobby Whitlock
4. Putski-Hunter b Duncum-Foley
5. Jose Lothario nc Missouri Mauler

2-14, Miami, Fla.

1. Mike Graham b Mr. X
2. Roberto Soto d Gorgeous George Jr.
3. Buddy Colt b Mr. Kleen, dq.
4. Donna Lemke b Kay Noble
5. Bruggers-Kevin Sullivan-F. Hester b Markoff-Robley=Dick Slater
6. Woods- BB John b Schmidt-Slade
7. Jack Brisco b Bobby Shane
8. Dory Funk Jr. b Thunderbolt Patterson

2-15, Jacksonville

1. Frank Hester b Wolfman Smith
2. Bob Bruggers b Don Ritchie
3. Graham-Soto-Sullivan b Slater, Robley, X
4. Mr. Kleen b Chris Markoff
5. Gorgeous George Jr. b L.D. Lewis
6. Woods- BB John b Schmidt-Slade
7. Jack Brisco b Buddy Colt
8. Don Curtis b Bobby Shane
9. Dory Funk Jr. b Mark Lewin

VI. FEBRUARY WRESTLING RESULTS

2-15, New Orleans, La.

1. Bullinski b Mighty Brutus
2. Dennis Stamp b Tony Nero
3. Ricki Starr b Igor Putski
4. Hodge-Smith b Depo-Geeto

2-15, Kansas City

1. Stan Pulaski d The Viking
2. Atlas-Zuma b Nichols-Jacobs
3. Betty Niccoli nc Jean Antone
4. Geigel-Jones b Tokyo Joe-Togo
5. Black Angus b Roger Kirby

2-15, Cleveland

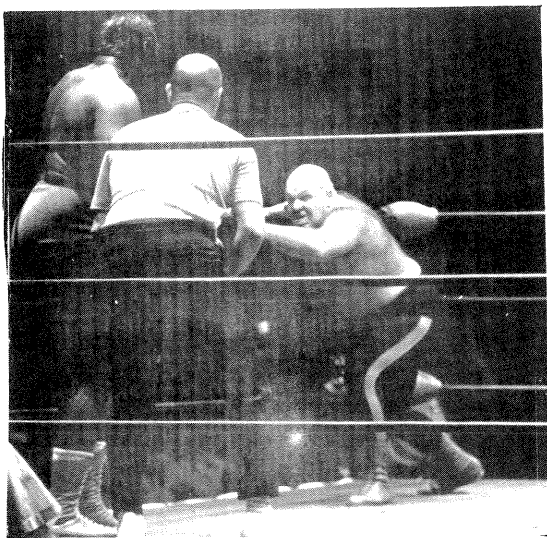
1. Luis Martinez b Bruce Swayze, dq.
2. Parisi-Serrano d Castillos
3. Rougeaus b vonMess-von Shotz
4. Pampero Firpo b Igor Vodik, dq.
5. Johnny Powers b Waldo von Erich, cor.
6. Tony Marino b Killer Brooks, dq.

2-15, Amarillo

1. Al Hayes b Stan Hanson
2. Ricky Romero d Hank James
3. The Beast b Mack Quarry
4. Ciclon Negro b Moose Morowski
5. Don-John Fargo b Dory Sr.-Terry Funk

2-15, Victoria

1. Butts Giraud b Sailor White
2. Rocky Montero b Jack Bence
3. Higuchi-Froelich b Ramstad-Morrow
4. Sean Regan b Mike Webster, dq.
5. John Quinn b The Brute



*Bobo Brazil unmasks the Student -
who turned out to be George Steele*

2-16, Atlanta (Jones)

1. Mr. Wrestling II-Eagles b Morgan-Evans
2. Ed-Mike Graham b The Monroes
3. Jerry Oates b The Zodiac, dq.
4. Dromo-Armstrong b Yokouchi-Fuji
5. Brazil-N. Austin b Tyler-Hussein
6. Dory Funk Jr. b Mr. Wrestling, cor.

2-16, Charleston

1. Terry Sawyer b Pancho Valdez
2. George Harris b Mike Hall
3. Alaskans b Thatcher-Columbo
4. Luke-Klondike b Boyd-Charles

2-16, Richmond

1. Ronnie Garvin d The Menace
2. Art Neilson b Frank Morrell
3. Sweetan-DuBois b Dillon-S. Scott
4. Thunderbolt Patterson b Killer Kox
5. Rip Hawk b Johnny Weaver, dq.

2-16, Lynchburg

1. Johnny Ringo b Tony Romano
2. Joe Furr b Jim Grabmire
3. Gene-Ole Anderson b Terry-Bobby Kay
4. Williams-Sheridan b Kaye-Downs

2-16, OshKosh, Wis.

1. Rene Goulet b George Scott
2. Billy Graham b Reggie Parks
3. Nick Bockwinkel b Don Muraco
4. Billy Robinson b Dusty Rhodes

2-16, St. Joseph

1. Argentina Zuma b Percival Friend
2. Mike Boyette b Ken Nichols
3. Omar Atlas b Mickey Doyle
4. Angus-Geigel d Togo-Tokyo Joe
5. Roger Kirby b Abe Jacobs

2-16, St. Louis

1. Etchison-Viking b Pulaski-Ramirez
2. Dan Miller b Steve Bolus
3. George Steele b Don Anderson
4. Koloff-B. Miller b Jones-Myers
5. Pat O'Connor nc The Invader
6. Terry Funk b Jerry Brisco
7. Pat O'Connor won 16-man battle royal

2-16, Houston

1. Tiger Conway Jr. b Cisco Grimaldo
2. Ron Pritchard b John Foley
3. Missouri Mauler d Rick Hunter
4. Jose Lothario b Brute Bernard, dq.
5. Jack Brisco b Bobby Duncum
6. Ivan Putski b Boris Malenko

2-16, Birmingham

1. Masked Blitzers d T. Russo-J. Golden
2. J. Fargo-Jarrett b Parente-Hart
3. Bounty Hunters b Marlin-Gilbert

VII. FEBRUARY WRESTLING RESULTS

2-17, San Francisco

1. Red Bastien b Manuel Cruz
2. Mighty Igor b Fritz Von Goering
3. Interns b The Samoans
4. Pepper Gomez b Luke Graham
5. Rocky Johnson b Kinji Shibuya
6. Ray Stevens b Lars Anderson
7. Mephisto b Pat Patterson, cor.

2-17, Eugene, Ore.

1. Jim Gagne b Bill Howard, dq.
2. Bull Ramos b Clay Spencer
3. Steven Little Bear b Matti Suzuki
4. Dutch Savage b Baron Scicluna

2-17, Melbourne, Australia

1. Domenic Arena b Sharkey Ward
2. John Grey b Hans Schroeder
3. Chris Peters b Guy Mitchell, dq.
4. Larry O'Day b Robert Bruce
5. Paul DeMarco b Ron Ruller
6. Carson-Dunn b Little Bear-DaSilva
7. Arion-Milano b Medics

2-17, Indianapolis

1. Ernie Ladd b Prince Pullins
2. The Beast b Gil Guerrero
3. Ricky Cortez d Jose Martinez
4. Clem Turner b Mark Manson
5. Jimmy Valiant b Billy Red Cloud
6. Arakawa-Hamaguchi b Cholak-Ellis
7. Jasmine-DuBois b Mull-Turner
8. Bruiser nc Ernie Ladd

2-18, St. Paul, Minn.

1. Kosrow Aziri b Johnny Heidman
2. Jim Brunzell b Big K
3. Larry Hennig b George Scott
4. The Crusher b Dusty Rhodes
5. Bockwinkel-Stevens b Robinson-Muraco

2-19, El Paso

1. Al Hayes-Thornton b Beast-James
2. Ciclon Negro d Ron Pritchard
3. Terry Funk b Ernie Ladd, dq.
4. El Santo-Romero b Don-John Fargo
5. Dory Funk Jr. b Karl von Steiger

2-19, Memphis

1. Donovan-Santos b Shelby-B. Atlas
2. Lawler-White-Bass b Brown-Jones-Cook
3. Fargo-Jarrett b Al-Don Greene

2-19, Fort Worth

1. John Foley b Gene Lewis
2. Cisco Grimaldo d Tom Jones
3. Ivan Putski b Eddie Sullivan
4. Bobby Duncum b Bobby Whitlock
5. Gary Hart b Bronco Lubich, dq.
6. Hunter-Lothario b Mauler-Bernard

2-19, Vancouver

1. Rocky Montero d Mohan Singh
2. Eddie Morrow b Sailor White
3. Eric Froelich b Butts Giraud
4. Duncan McTavish b Buck Ramstad, dq.
5. John Quinn-Sean Regan-Dean Higuchi b Gene Kiniski-Brute-Mike Webster

2-19, Tulsa

1. Scandor Akbar b Beautiful Brutus
2. Mike George d Silento Rodriguez
3. Dr. X b Tony Nero
4. Brown-Roberts b Stamp-Bullinski
5. Dewey Robertson b Bob Sweetan, dq.

2-19, Dayton

1. Dan Miller b Lou Klein
2. Mike Loren d Magnificent Zulu
3. The Sheik b Appollo Love
4. Haystacks Calhoun b Kabooki, dq.
5. Pampero Firpo b Tex McKenzie
6. von Hess-Shotz b Martinez-F.Curry, dq.
7. Sheik-Brooks b Marino-Brazil

2-20, Baltimore, Md.

1. Arnold Skoaland b Tony Romano
2. Miguel Feleciano d Ben Ortiz
3. Manuel Soto b Vincente Pometti
4. Sky Low-L. Brutus b F. Jerome-Hayes
5. Bobo Brazil-Gorilla Monsoon-Morales b Tanaka-Fuji=Buddy Wolfe

2-20, Tampa

1. Boris Malenko b Wolfman Smith
2. Mr. Kleen b Don Ritchie
3. Marina Rey b Estella Molina
4. Johnny Walker b Black Jack Slade
5. M. Graham-K. Sullivan b Shane-G. George, Jr.
6. Buddy Colt b Jack Brisco
7. Mark Lewin b Hans Schmidt

2-21, Columbus, Ga.

1. Tiki-Wrestling II b Fuji-Yokouchi, dq.
2. Brisco-Dromo b The Monroes
3. Jerry Oates b Treach Phillips
4. Bobby Cash b Jack Evans
5. Tarzan Tyler b Bob Armstrong
6. Buddy Colt b Eddie Graham

2-21, Medford, Ore.

1. Frankie Laine b Jim Gagne
2. Clay Spencer b Bill Howard, dq.
3. Steven Little Bear b Matti Suzuki
4. Bull Ramos b Dutch Savage, dq.

2-21, San Antonio

1. Bobby Whitlock b Gene Lewis
2. El Scorpio b John Foley
3. Tom Jones b Bill Lehman
4. Ivan Putski b E. Sullivan-Foley
5. Ricky Hunter d Bobby Duncum
6. Spoiler-Lothario b Bernard-Mauler

VIII. FEBRUARY WRESTLING RESULTS

2-21, Nashville, Tenn.

1. Roy Lee Welch b Pedro Torres
2. Jarrett-Ben Justice-Jackie Fargo
b Jerry Lawler-Sam Bass-Jim White
3. Bounty Hunters b Gilbert-Marlin

2-21, Fargo, N.D.

1. Jim Brunzell b John Heidman
2. Billy Robinson b Dusty Rhodes
3. Reggie Parks b Rene Goulet
4. Robinson-Don Muraco-Ken Patera b
Rhodes-Dick Murdoch-Larry Hennig

2-22, Denver, Colo.

1. Dick Murdoch b Lord Blears
2. Reggie Parks d Ivan Kiloff
3. Billy Robinson b Dusty Rhodes
4. Wahoo McDaniel b Billy Graham

2-22, Kansas City

1. Rufus Jones b Mike Boyette
2. Great Togo b Argentina Zuma
3. Bob Geigel b Tokyo Joe, dq.
4. Abe Jacobs-Steve Bolus Pulaski b
Viking-Bennie Ramirez-Doyle
5. Roger Kirby b Black Angus Campbell

2-22, Amarillo, Tex.

1. Karl von Steiger b Stan Hanson
2. Hayes-Thornton b James-Black Devil
3. Moose Morowski d The Beast
4. Don-John Fargo b N. Kozak-Romero
5. Dory Funk Jr. b Ciclon Negro, cor.

2-22, Addison, Ill.

1. Moose Cholak b Kenny Dillinger
2. Jimmy Valiant d Chief Bold Eagle
3. Bobby Heenan b Billy Red Cloud
4. Raschke-Ladd b Ellis-Bruiser, dq.

2-22, Jacksonville, Fla.

1. Roberto Soto-L.D. Lewis-Hester b
Mr. X-Wolfman Smith-Don Ritchie
2. Graham-Sullivan b Jim-Jack Slade
3. Mr. Kleen b Phil Robley
4. Lewin-Woods b Markoff-G. George Jr.
5. Jack Brisco b Hans Schmidt
6. Don Curtis b Bobby Shane
7. Buddy Colt b Big Bad John

2-22, Cleveland

1. von Hess-von Shotz b The Rougeaus
2. Ethel Johnson b Marva Scott
3. Pampero Firpo b Tex McKenzie
4. Walter Johnson b Karl von Shotz
5. Bobo Brazil b The Sheik, dq.
6. Johnny Powers b Killer Brooks, dq.
7. Russell-L. Louie b Lamont-Adams

2-22, Worcester, Mass.

1. Mr. Fuji b Mike Conrad
2. Tony Garea d Toru Tanaka
3. Chief Strongbow b Curtis Iaukea
4. Lonnie Mayne b Sonny King
5. Sky Low-L. Brutus b Hayes-F. Jerome

2-23, No. Attleboro, Mass.

1. Joe Crugnale b Chuck Richards
2. Manuel Soto b Mike Conrad
3. L. Brutus-Sky Low b Hayes-F. Jerome
4. Iaukea-Fuji-Mayne b Monsoon-Kine-
Garea

2-23, Atlanta, Ga.

1. Pat O'Brien b Tank Morgan, dq.
2. Mr. Fuji b Bob Orton Jr.
3. Infernos b Sicodelico-Negra
4. Armstrong-Dromo b The Monroes, dq.
5. Mr. Wrestling II b Hans Schmidt
6. Jerry Oates-Norvel Austin-Brazil b
Tarzan Tyler-Bobby Cash-Hussein

2-23, Richmond

1. Mike York b Jim Dillon
2. Les Thatcher d Frank Monte
3. Art Neilson b Mike DuBois
4. Jerry Brisco-Weaver-Thunderbolt b
Rip Hawk-Fred Sweetan-Karl Kox

2-23, Houston

1. Tiger Conway b John Foley
2. Tom Jones b Cisco Grimaldo
3. ron Pritchard b Brute Bernard, dq.
4. Spoiler d Ricky Hunter
5. Lothario-Brisco b Duncum-Lubich
6. Ivan Putski b The Missouri Mauler

2-23, Abilene

1. The Beast d Al Hayes
2. Nick Kozak b Karl von Steiger
3. Don-John Fargo b Morowski-Romero
4. Dory Funk Jr. d Ciclon Negro

2-23, Eugene, Ore.

1. Jim Gagne b Frankie Laine, dq.
2. Clay Spencer b Matti Suzuki, dq.
3. Bill Howard d Steven Little Bear
4. Dutch Savage b Bull Ramos, dq.
5. Steven Little Bear won battle royal

2-23, Pittsburgh

1. Gino Brito b Eric the Red, dq.
2. John L. Sullivan d Tony Altomare
3. The Executioner b Tony DiPaulo
4. Waldo vn Eric h nc Baron Scicluna
5. Lanza-Mulligan b Brito-Holtz
6. Kowalski-Steele b DeNucci-Parisi
7. Bruno Sammartino b Professor Tanaka

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IX. FEBRUARY WRESTLING RESULTS

2-23, Los Angeles, Calif.

1. Earl Maynard b Jan Madrid
2. Nelson-Collins b Kim Duk-Saito
3. Kinji Shibuya b Juan Rivas
4. Victor Rivera b Destroyer, dq.
5. Mata-Morgan b Gordman-Goliath

2-24, Detroit (Cobo)

1. Scott Elmore b Dr. Beech
2. Zulu b Tom Resseman
3. Dan Miller b The Medic
4. von Hess-Shotz nc F. Curry-Martinez
5. Kabooki b Frenchy Martin
6. H. Feather-L. Dupree-J. Russell-L. Louie
b T. West-K. Casey-P. W. Adams-F. Lamont
7. Klein-Psycho d Loren-J. Graham
8. Brazil-Marino nc Firpo-Brooks
9. Tex McKenzie b Jim Arnett
10. Sweet Daddy Siki b Rick O'Toole
11. The Sheik nc Dory Funk Jr.
12. Igor Vodik b Rick Luka

2-24, Detroit (Olympia)

1. Johnny Kace b Billy Goelz
2. Glem Turner d Ricky Cortez
3. Arakawa-Hamaguchi b Red Cloud-B. Eagle
4. Jimmy Valiant d Art Thomas
5. Wilbur Snyder b Black Jack Lanza
6. Cowboy Ellis b Black Jack Mulligan
7. Raschke-Ladd b Bruiser-Crusher

2-24, Akron, O.

1. Serrano-Calhoun b Love Bros.
2. Castillos b White Owl-W. Johnson
3. Johnny Powers nc Eric the Red

2-24, Philadelphia

1. Vincente Pometti b Lee Wong
2. Jack Brisco b Bobby Shane
3. Kaye-Patterson b Green-Thomas
4. Pedro Morales b Lonnie Mayne
5. Buddy Wolfe b Manuel Soto
6. El Olimpico d Sonny King

2-24, Melbourne, Australia

1. Chris Peters b Billy Dundee
2. John Grey b Braka Cortez
3. Danny Little Bear b Dick Dunn
4. Ron Fuller b Guy Mitchell
5. Milano-O'Day-Miller b Medics-Roop
6. Spiros Arion won round robin tournament from Don Carson-P. DeMarco

2-24, Stoughton, Wis.

1. Steve Dalton b Buddy Pearl
2. Dick Jacks b Tiny Tim Hampton
3. Jacks-Stroheim b Ryan-Bettencort
4. The Ratman b Johnny Gilbert

2-24, Omaha, Neb.

1. Billy Graham b Rene Goulet
2. Ken Patera b John Heidman
3. Reggie Parks b Larry Hennig
4. Robinson-Muraco b Rhodes-Murdoch

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2-25, London, Ontario

1. Whipper Watson Jr. b Masked Marvel
2. Mitsu Arakawa b The Executioner
3. Rachel Dubois b Babs Baxter
4. Gene Dubois b Bobby Heenan, dq.
5. Jimmy Valiant b Wolfman Farkas, dq.
6. Raschke-von Erich b Red Cloud-B. Eagle

2-26, Hobart, Tasmania

1. Guy Mitchell d Johnny Grey
2. Paul DeMarco b Chris Peters
3. The Medics b Fuller-D. Little Bear
4. Arion-Milano b Carson-Dunn

2-26, Vancouver

1. Ray Steele b Jack Bence
2. Morrow-Froelich b Giraud-Ramstad
3. Dean Higuchi b Tor Kamata
4. Webster-Brute b Quinn-Higuchi
5. Gene Kiniski b Sean Regan, dq.

2-26, El Paso

1. The Beast d Les Thornton
2. Hank James b Al Hayes, cor.
3. Don-John Fargo b N. Kozak-Goliath
4. Ricky Romero nc Karl von Steiger
5. Ciclon Negro b Moose Morowski

2-26, Fort Worth

1. Eddie Sullivan b Gene Lewis
2. Jose Lothario b Bobby Duncum
3. John Foley d Bobby Whitlock
4. Rick Hunter b Cisco Grimaldo
5. Putski-Hunter-Jones b Mauler-Bernard-Grimaldo

2-26, New York (Madison Sq. Garden)

1. Mike Graham b Joe Turco
2. Tony Garea b Mike Conrad
3. Terry Funk b Chuck Richards
4. Victor Rivera b Dory Funk Sr.
5. Verne Gagne b Eddie Graham
6. Pedro Morales b Curtis Iaukea
7. Green-Thomas b Kaye-Patterson
8. Mil Madcaras b Buddy Wolfe

2-26, Boston

1. Manuel Soto b El Elympico
2. L. Brutus-Sky Low b Hayes-F. Jerome
3. Killer Kowalski d Edouard Carpentier
4. Bruno Sammartino b Lonnie Mayne, cor.
5. Jack Brisco b Bobby Shane
6. Gorilla Monsoon-Sonny King-Strongbow
b Vincente Pometti-Tanaka-Mr. Fuji

X. FEBRUARY-MARCH WRESTLING RESULTS

2-26, Tulsa, Okla.

1. Igor Putski d Beautiful Brutus
2. Skandor Akbar b Tony Nero, dq.
3. Dewey Robertson b Chuck O'Connor
4. Dr. X b Jerry Miller, cor.
5. Stamp-Dr. X b Roberts-Brown

2-27, Dallas, Tex.

1. Cisco Grimaldo b Gene Lewis
2. Bobby Whitlock b Eddie Sullivan
3. Jose Lothario b John Foley
4. Bobby Duncum d Ricky Hunter
5. von Erich-Putski b Bernard-Mauler

2-27, Las Vegas, Nev.

1. Red Bastien b Fritz von Goering
2. Interns b The Samoans
3. Ray Stevens b Luke Graham, cor.
4. Rocky Johnson b Lars Anderson
5. Pat Patterson b Mephisto, dq.

2-27, Cincinnati

1. Lou Klein d Rick Luka
2. Calhoun-McKenzie b Zulu-J.Graham
3. Dan Miller b Pampero Firpo
4. Kurt von Hess d Fred Curry
5. Luis Martinez b Kabooki, dq.
6. Tony Marino b Killer Brooks

2-27, Tampa, Fla.

1. Hiro Matsuda b Phil Robley
2. Jack Welch b Rick Conrad
3. Watson-Lemke b Noble-O'Day
4. Tim Woods b Chris Markoff
5. Lewin-BB John b Starr-G.George, Jr.
6. Mike Graham b Bobby Shane
7. Jack Brisco b Buddy Colt, dq.

2-28, Miami

1. Soto-Hester b Slater-Robley
2. Graham-Sullivan b Shane-George, Jr.
3. Mighty Yankee b Don Ritchie
4. Steve Keirn b Treach Phillips
5. Mark Lewin b Chris Markoff
6. Jack Brisco b Bobby Starr
7. Mr. Kleen b Buddy Colt

2-28, Nashville

1. Lumberjack Dupree b Tony Santos
2. Fabulous Kangaroos d Justice-Fargo
3. Bounty Hunters-Kent b Eddie Marlin
-Tommy Gilbert-Tojo Yamamoto

2-28, San Antonio

1. Bobby Whitlock b Eddie Sullivan
2. Bobby Duncum b Gene Lewis
3. Ron Pritchard b John Foley
4. Mauler-Bernard b Jones-Hunter
5. Ivan Putski b Ernie Ladd, dq.

2-28, Winnipeg, Manitoba

1. Kosrow Aziri b Johnny Heidman
2. Rene Goulet b Jim Brunzell
3. Don Muraco b Ivan Koloff, dq.
4. Rhodes-Murdoch b Patera-Parks
5. Billy Robinson b Nick Bockwinkel
6. Wahoo McDaniel b Billy Graham

2-28, Des Moines, Ia.

1. Jim Dalton d Abe Jacobs
2. Bob Brown b Argentina Zuma
3. Lord Littlebrook-Rufus Jones-Geigel
b Togo-Tokyo Joe-Percival Friend
4. Roger Kirby b Harley Race, dq.

2-28, Lubbock, Tex.

1. Don Fargo b Terry Funk
2. John Fargo b Moose Morowski
3. Ricky Romero b Hank James
4. Les Thornton d Ciclon Negro
5. Al Hayes-Nick Kozak-Stan Hanson b
Mack Quarry-Beast-Karl von Steiger

2-28, Buffalo

1. Bruce Swayze b Pepe DePasquale
2. Pampero Firpo b Haystacks Calhoun, cor.
3. Johnny Powers b Hans Schmidt, dq.
4. The Sheik b Jacques Rougeau
5. Tony Marino nc Killer Brooks
6. Eric the Red b Mario Frataroli
7. Parisi-Serrano b Castillos, dq.

3-1, Victoria

1. Buck Ramsted d Eric Froelich
2. Butts Giraud b Ray Steele
3. Eddie Morrow b Sailor White
4. Dean Higuchi b Rocky Montero
5. Brute-Webster b Regan-Quinn, dq.

3-2, St. Louis

1. D. Miller-Steele b Etchison-Zuma
2. Steve Bolus b Stan Pulaski
3. Bill Miller b The Viking
4. Harley Race b Sonny Myers
5. Terry Funk b Pat-O'Connor
6. Brisco-Jones d Invader-Koloff

3-2, St. Joseph

1. Atlas-Nichols b Dalton-Ramirez, dq.
2. Bobo Johnson b Wee Willie Wilson
3. Abe Jacobs b Mike Boyette
4. Black Angus b Tojo & Tokyo Joe
5. Roger Kirby b Bob Geigel

3-2, Charleston

1. George Harris b Terry Sawyer
2. Johnny Ringo b Mike Hall
3. Joe Furr b Jim Grabmire
4. Donna Christantello b Debbie Johnson
5. Thunderbolt Patterson b Killer Kox
6. Rip Hawk b Johnny Weaver

XI. MARCH WRESTLING RESULTS

3-2, Houston

1. Tom Jones b John Foley
2. Ron Pritchard d The Spoiler
3. Rick Hunter b Bobby Duncum, dq.
4. Putski-Lothario b Mauler-Bernard
5. Paul Boesch d Gary Hart
6. Ivan Putski won battle royal
7. Jack Brisco b Fritz von Erich

3-2, Eugene, Ore.

1. Jim Gagne d Matti Suzuki
2. Clay Spencer b Bill Howard
3. Bull Ramos b Steven Little Bear
4. Dutch Savage d Frankie Laine
5. Lang-F. Pete b J. Reb-Billy Kid

3-2, Atlanta, Ga.

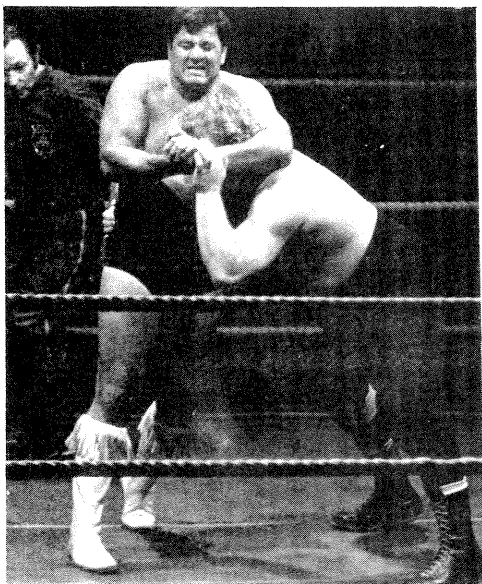
1. L.D. Lewis b Jack Evans, dq.
2. El Sicodelico d Pat O'Brien
3. Hussein-Cash b Branigan-Morgan
4. Tarzan Tyler d Norvel Austin
5. Infernos won round robin tournament
from Yokouchi-Fuji and Armstrong-Dromo
6. Bill Watts b The Zodiac, dq.
7. Mr. Wrestling II b Sputnik Monroe

3-2, Richmond

1. Sandy Scott d Jim Dillon
2. Terry-Bobby Kay b Morrell-Valdez
3. Art Neilson b The Menace, dq.
4. Gene-Ole Anderson b Klondike-Luke

3-2, Lynchburg

1. LestThatcher b Bobby Williams
2. Ronnie Garvin b Tony Romano
3. Alaskans b McKinney-Columbo
4. Sweetan-Dubois nc Boyd-Charles



Wahoo McDaniel vs Larry Hennig

3-3, Seattle, Wash.

1. Eddie Morrow d Eric Froelich
2. Buck Ramstad b Rocky Montero, dq.
3. Brute-Webster b Regan-Higuchi
4. Gene Kiniski b John Quinn

3-3, Jacksonville

1. Kosrow Aziri b Bobby Starr
2. Great Malenko b Black Jack Slade
3. Markoff-Gorgeous George Jr.-Slater b
Roberto Soto-Bob Bruggers-F. Hester
4. Kay Noble b Donna Dunn
5. Graham-Sullivan b Phillips-Robley
6. Lewin-BB John b Mighty Yankees
7. Don Curtis b Bobby Shane
8. Dispute in battle royal winners--
Either Man Mtn Mike or Mr. Kleen

3-3, Winston-Salem, N.C.

1. The Menace b Pedro Columbo
2. Sweetan-Dubois b Dillon-Thatcher
3. Penny Banner nc Fabulous Moolah
4. Thunderbolt Patterson b Karl Kox
5. Jerry Brisco b Rip Hawk
6. Gene-Ole Anderson b Weaver-Neilson

3-3, Akron, O.

1. Mad Dog Gagnon b Billy Coleman
2. Haystacks Calhoun b Kabooki
3. Castillos d Martinez-F. Curry
4. Eric the Red b Johnny Powers

3-3, Milwaukee, Wis.

1. Vic Rositanni b Rick Flair
2. Rene Goulet d Reggie Parks
3. Don Muraco b Dusty Rhodes, dq.
4. Nick Bockwinkel b Ken Patera, dq.
5. Graham-Koloff b Crusher-McDaniel

3-4, Green Bay

1. Jose Carlos b Armando Rodriguez
2. Reggie Parks d Larry Hennig
3. Don Muraco b Rene Goulet
4. Patera-McDaniel b Rhodes-Murdoch
5. Billy Graham b Verne Gagne, dq.

3-4, Toronto

1. Shillelagh O'Sullivan b Johnny Carr
2. Igor-Siki b Masked Marvel-Klein
3. Dino Bravo d Maxim Zaranoff
4. Pampero Firpo b Great Gama
5. Loren-D. Miller d Denucci-Parisi
6. Brooks-Hennig d Beast-Layton
7. tony Marino b Ivan Kalmikoff
8. Quinn-Brutus d Martinez-McKenzie
9. The Sheik nc Chief Strongbow
10. Schmidt-Kabooki d F. Curry-Calhound
11. Rougeaus b von Hess-von Shotz

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XII. MARCH WRESTLING RESULTS

3-5, Birmingham, Ala.

1. Parente-Hart b Murasaki-Fuji
2. T. Drake-R. Welch d T. Garvin-Meyers
3. Tojo Yamamoto b Jimmy Kent
4. Bounty Hunters b Gilbert-Marlin

3-5, Memphis, Tenn.

1. Kangaroos b Justice-Lyons
2. Brown-Cook d Al-Don Greene
3. Lawler-White b Fargo-Jarrett

3-5, Fort Worth, Tex.

1. John Foley b Mark Starr
2. Joe Blanchard d Bobby Whitlock
3. Hunter-Lothario b Sullivan-Grimaldo
4. Bobby Duncum b Tom Jones
5. Fritz von Erich b Brute Bernard

3-5, El Paso, Tex.

1. Moose Morowski b Stan Hanson
2. Les Thornton d Al Hayes
3. Ricky Romero b The Beast
4. Don-John Fargo b Goliath-Gordman
5. Mil Mascaras b Ciclon Negro

3-5, Tulsa, Okla.

1. Jack Pesek b Beautiful Brutus
2. Red McKim b Tony Nero
3. Jerry Miller b The Professional
4. Gruzzy Smith b Bepo Mongol, dq.
5. Roberts-Brown b Stamp-Dr. X

3-5, Vancouver

1. Butts Giraud b Ray Steele
2. Morrow-Froelich b White-Montero
3. Buck Ramstad d Dean Higuchi
4. Regan-McTavish b Ramos-Webster
5. Gene Kiniski b The Brute, cor.

3-5 Ottawa, Ont.

1. Johnny War Eagles d Jackie Wiecez
2. Bravo-Brito b Gordienko-Gregory
3. Joe-Paul LeDuc b B. Vachon-Poisson
4. Jean Ferre b Killer Kowalski
5. Edouard Carpentier b Don Leo Jonathan, dq.

3-6, Tampa, Fla.

1. Bob Bruggers b Don Ritchie
2. Kosrow Aziri b Treach Phillips
3. BB John-Lewin b Mighty Yankees
4. Graham-Sullivan b Markoff-G. George, Jr.
5. Mr. Kleen b Paul Jones, dq.
6. Buddy Colt b Johnny Walker

3-7, Nashville

1. Ben Justice b George Cannon
2. J. Fargo-Jarrett b Fabulous Kangaroos.
3. Ed & Tom Marlin-Gilbert-Yamamoto b Bounty Hunters-Kent-Tommy Dee.

3-7, Miami, Fla.

1. Bob Bruggers b The Saint
2. Pat O'Brien b Phil Robley
3. Tim Woods d Gorgeous George, Jr.
4. Kosrow Aziri b Ron Wright
5. Soto-Hester d Slade-Slater
6. Graham-Sullivan b Mighty Yankees
7. Paul Jones b Johnny Walker
8. Johnny Walker won 22-man battle royal.

3-7, Buffalo, N.Y.

1. Mad Dog Gagnon d Bull Johnson
2. Bruce Swayze d Tony Parisi
3. Johnny Powers b Eric the Red, cor.
4. Bobo Brazil nc Pampero Firpo
5. Love Bros. b Raymond-Jacques Rougeau
6. Serrano-D. Miller b Castillos
7. Lucille Dupree b Heather Feather

3-7, Indianapolis, Ind.

1. Frankie Adonis b Bobby Vann
2. The Beast d Moose Cholak
3. Arakawa-Hamaguchi b Turner-Pullins
4. Rachel Dubois b TNT Turner
5. Jimmy Valiant b Chief Bold Eagle
6. Cowboy Ellis b Bobby Heenan, dq.
7. Raschke-Ladd b Bruiser-Crusher

3-7, Hattiesburg, Miss.

1. Ken Lucas b Leo Sikes
2. Mike Boyeette b Wrestling Pro, dq.
3. Bob Kelley b Black Bart
4. Chief Thundercloud d The Medic
5. Pro-Medic b Thundercloud-Boyette

3-7, San Antonio, Tex.

1. El Scorpio b Mike Paidousis
 2. Bobby Whitlock b John Foley
 3. Ricky Hunter b Tom Jones
 4. Ivan Putski b Bobby Duncum
 5. Lothario-Spoiler b Bernard-Mauler
- ### 3-8, Kansas City

1. Jacobs-Zuma d Doyle-Ramirez
2. Black Angus b Jim Dalton
3. The Viking b Stan Pulaski
4. Roger Kirby b Steve Bolus
5. Harley Race b Omar Atlas
6. Tokyo Joe-Togo b Geigel-Jones

3-9, St. Joseph

1. Jim Dalton b Argentina Zuma
2. Omar Atlas b Mickey Doyle
3. Steve Bolus d The Viking
4. Jacobs-Angus b Togo-Tokyo Joe, dq.
5. Roger Kirby b Rufus Jones

XIII. MARCH WRESTLING RESULTS

3-9, Eugene, Ore.

1. Stan Stasiak b Jack Bence
2. Matti Suzuki b Ray Steele
3. Clay Spencer b Haru Sasaki
4. Frankie Laine b Sandy Barr
5. Steven Little Bear b Bull Ramos

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3-9, Houston, Tex.

1. Ricky Hunter b Tom Jones
2. The Spoiler b Bobby Whitlock
3. Jose Lothario d Bobby Duncum
4. Ron Pritchard b Missouri Mauler, dq.
5. Ivan Putski b Brute Bernard, cor.

3-9, Atlanta

1. O'Brien-Orton Jr. b Branigan-Conrad
2. Tank Morgan b L.D. Lewis
3. Man Mountain Mike b Jack Evans
4. Infernos b Casey-J. Oates
5. The Monroes b Hussein-Cash
6. Lou Thesz-Bill Dromo-Armstrong b Bobby Shane-Yasu Fuji-Yokouchi
7. Bobo Brazil b Tarzan Tyler
8. Bobo Brazil b Dandy Jack Crawford
9. Mr. Wrestling b Zodiac

3-9, Richmond

1. Bobby Kay b Mike Hall
2. The Menace b Terry Kay
3. Geo.-Sandy Scott b Morrell-Grabmire
4. Weaver-Neilson b Gene-Ole Anderson
5. Killer Karl Kox b Jerry Brisco

3-9, Lynchburg

1. Les Thatcher b Jerry McKinney
2. Terry Sawyer b Alex Medina
3. Pancho Valdez b Johnny Ringo
4. George Harris b Pedro Columbo
5. Sweetan-Dubois b Boyd-Charles

3-9, North Attleboro, Mass.

1. Ben Ortiz b Chuck Richards
2. Joe Turco d Joe Crugnale
3. Luis Torres b Dean Ross
4. Buddy Wolfe b Lee Wong
5. Fred Blassie b Tony Garea
6. Gorilla Monsoon b Curtis Iaukea

3-9, Los Angeles

1. Massa Saito d Juan Rivas
2. Antonio Rocca b Jan Madrid
3. Kim-Duk b Goliath, dq.
4. Black Gordman b Victor Rivera
5. Mata-Morgan b Destroyer-Nelson

3-10, Rockford

1. Rene Goulet b Jim Brunzell
2. Reggie Parks d Larry Hennig
3. Billy Graham b Don Muraco
4. Bockwinkel-Stevens b Rhodes-Murdoch, dq.

3-10, San Francisco

1. Red Bastien b Jan Madrid
2. Kinji Shibuya b Manuel Cruz
3. Samoans b Bearegarde-Kim Duk
4. Igor Vodik b Luke Graham
5. Interns b Gomez-Johnson
6. Pat Patterson b Mephisto, dq.

3-10, Philadelphia

1. Mr. Fuji b Mike Conrad
2. Gorilla Monsoon b Turco-Pometti
3. Fred Blassie b Tony Garea, cor.
4. Morales@Strongbow b Mayne-Iaukea
5. Professor Tanaka b Sonny King
6. Buddy Wolfe b El Olimpico, dq.

3-12, Perth, Australia

1. Pat Barrett b Guy Mitchell
2. Paul DeMarco b Bob Roop
3. Waldo von Erich nc Mario Milano
4. Jack Brisco b Spiros Arion
5. Carson-Dunn b Medics (Lewis-Griffin)

3-12, Vancouver

1. Eric Froelich b Mohan Singh
2. Eddie Morrow d Duncan McTavish
3. John Quinn b Rocky Montero
4. Sean Regan b Buck Ramstad
5. Dean Higuchi b Mike Webster
6. Sean Regan won battle royal
7. Gene Kiniski nc Brute

3-12, El Paso

1. Les Thornton b Stan Hanson
2. Marina Rey b Estela Molina
3. Moose Morowski b Alex Perez
4. Karl von Steiger d Al Hayes
5. Don-John Fargo b Romero-T. Funk

3-12, Fort Worth

1. Tom Jones b Cisco Grimaldo
2. John Foley d Mike Paidousis
3. Bobby Duncum b Bobby Whitlock
4. John Foley b Bill Lehman
5. Bernard-Mauler b Hunter-Lothario

3-12, Birmingham

1. Don Greene d George Hultz
2. Garvin-Meyers b Cook-Lyons
3. T. Drake-Brown b Donovan-Purple Terror
4. Marlin-Gilbert b Bounty Hunters

3-12, Charlotte, N.C.

1. Johnny Heidman b Alex Medina
2. The Menace b Johnny Ringo
3. Gene Anderson b Scott Casey
4. George-Sandy Scott b Sweetan-Dubois
5. Killer Karl Kox b Johnny Weaver, dq.
6. George Scott b Bobby Shane

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XIV. MARCH WRESTLING RESULTS

2-12 Memphis

1. Hart-Parente b Anderson-E.von Braunner
2. Tojo Yamamoto b George Cannon
3. Don Kent d Ben Justice
4. Al Costello b Tom Shaft
5. Lawler-White nc Jarrett-Fargo

3-12, Tulsa

1. Ricki Starr b Mike George
2. Jack Pesek d Suni War Cloud
3. Chuck O'Connor b The Professional
4. Scandor Akbar b Eddie Sullivan, dq.
5. Hedge-Dr. X b Rip Tyler-B. Sweetan

3-13, Dallas

1. John Foley d Bobby Whitlock
2. Ricky Hunter b Cisco Grimaldo
3. Jose Lothario b Tom Jones
4. Ivan Putski b Lehman-Paidousis
5. Spoiler-Duncum nc Bernard-Mauler

3-13, Tampa

1. Bob Bruggers b Phil Robley
2. Mike Graham b Chris Markoff
3. Mark Lewin b Hans Schmidt
4. Ronnie Watson b Kay Noble
5. G. George Jr.-Shane b Woods-BB John
6. Jerry Brisco b Buddy Colt, dq.
7. Dory Funk Jr. b Jack Brisco

3-14, Miami

1. Bob Bruggers b The Saint, dq.
2. Pat O'Brien b Phil Robley
3. Tim Woods d Gorgeous George Jr.
4. Kosrow Aziri b Ron Wright
5. Soto-Hester d Slade-Slater
6. Graham-Sullivan b Mighty Yankees
7. Paul Jones b Johnny Walker
8. Johnny Walker won the battle royal

3-14, Jackson, Tenn.

1. Rock Riddle d Don Anders-on
2. Hultz-Donovan b Lovelace-G. Montez
3. Meyers-Garvin b Jarrett-Fargo

3-14, Evansville, Ind.

1. Cora Combs b Lilly Thomas
2. Millich-Bobby Lyons b Fuji-Murasaki, dq.
3. Justice-D. Greene nc Kangaroos

3-14, Buffalo

1. Mad Dog Gagnon d Don Serrano
2. McGuires Twins b Castillo, dq.
3. Psycho b Hans Schmidt, dq.
4. Johnny Powers nc The Sheik
5. Eric the Red b Dan Miller
6. Rougeaus b Love Eros.

3-15, Cleveland

1. Mad Dog Gagnon b Al Johnson
2. Castillos b Martinez-F. Curry
3. Rougeaus b von Hess-von Sholtz, dq.
4. Eric the Red b Chief White Owl
5. Johnny Powers nc Pampero Firpo
6. The Sheik b Bobo Brazil

3-15, Winnipeg

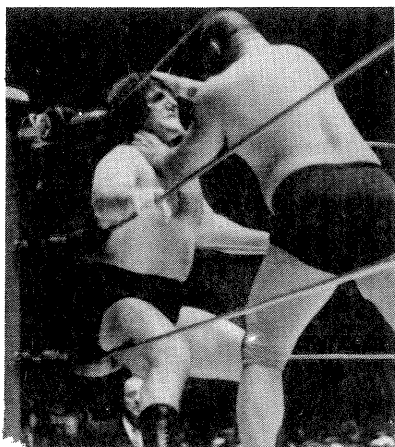
1. Rene Goulet b Rick Flair
2. Reggie Parks b Jim Brunzell
3. Dick Murdoch b Vic Rositanni
4. Dusty Rhodes b Ken Patera, cor.
5. Ray Stevens b Don Muraco, cor.
6. Graham-Koloff b McDaniel-Robinson

3-14, Nashville

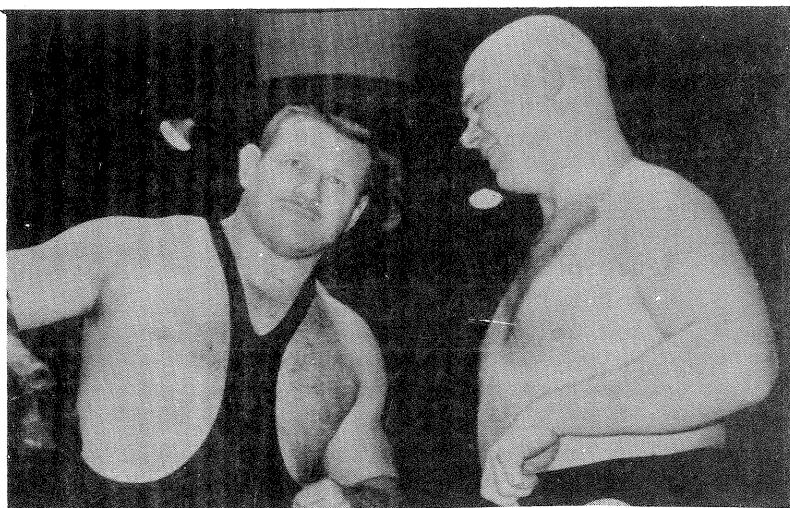
1. Bounty Hunters b Yamamoto-Dupree
2. Haiti Kid-Wicks b L.Bruiser-E.von Brauner
3. Marlin-Gilbert b Parente-Mart

3-14, San Jose

1. Red Bastien b Rick Sanchez
2. Interns b Cruz-Gomez
3. Patterson-Johnson b Mephisto-Graham



Bruno Sammartino vs
Professor Tanaka



Waldo von Erich with Baron von Raschke

Kendo Nagasaki is back in Great Britain after a successful tour of Canada, where he held the North American heavyweight title. He is a top attraction wherever he appears. Standing 6' 1", and weighing 238 lbs., he is a weird and awesome sight as he enters the ring garbed in a red and gray cape, his masked head encased in a steel barred helmet and brandishing a gigantic sword. He is reminiscent of the ancient Samurai warrior, performing a strange Oriental ceremony, swinging his glittering sword, prior to all his bouts.

Nagasaki's match with the popular Scottish star, Andy Robin, caused a near riot, when Kendo decided he had enough and fled to the dressing room. Utter chaos erupted when Nagasaki refused the pleas of both promoter and referee to return. More than 40 fans thought they could bring about his return by staging a sit-in, but this tactic only brought in a squad of police to forcefully remove the angry fans.

Another loss to Canadian mat followers was Billy Two Rivers' decision to return to Britain to face some of the top European grapplers. The Indian star was so successful, that he extended his stay longer than originally intended. Thousands of wrestling fans were able to watch his clash with the villainous Leon Arras, which was televised.

Another Indian wrestler to arrive on the scene is Apago, who quickly built up a strong following who appreciate his fast and colorful style. This powerfully built young man hails from a small town near Quebec in Canada.

Back in the big time wrestling after an absence of a few years, is Shirley Crabtree, who had been away from the ring due to business interests. He is a former British and European heavyweight champion. In the early sixties, he was considered the Golden Boy of British wrestling,

but his return has shocked the fans as he has become a rather rough and ruthless competitor. Shirley comes from a wrestling family, as brothers Max and Brian are both ex-grapplers, who are now promoting and refereeing, respectively.

George Kidd of Scotland is still the Lightweight Champion of the World after a fantastic 21 year reign. He is a brilliant mat technician and in recent times his unexcelled scientific style brought him victories over France's Julien Morice, Hungary's Zoltan Boscik, and Jon Cortez and Jim Breaks of England.

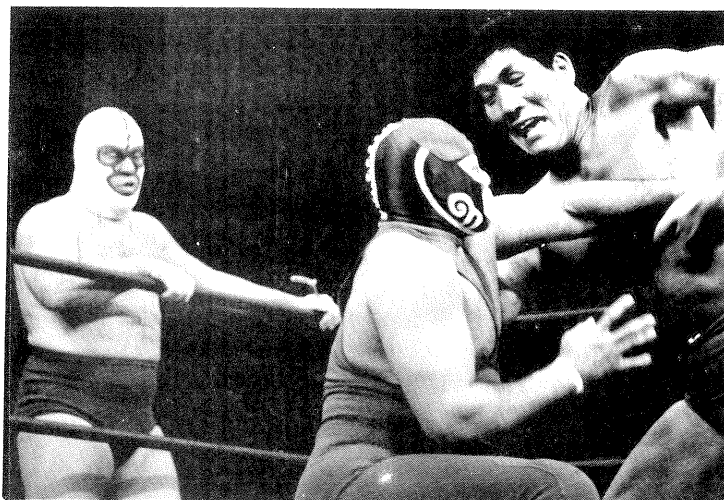
Mick McManus from London is not only an exceptional wrestler, but an ardent antique collector. He credits being in the wrestling profession as quite a help, as he must move around a good deal, therefore is able to visit many different local curio and antique shops. Two of Mick's most prized possessions are 170-year old French gilt clock with matching candle sticks, and a four foot long French commode that goes back two centuries. Both of these prized items were purchased prior to wrestling engagements, in towns where he would never otherwise have visited. . . . Another collector of some note, is the popular Count Bartelli, whose rare coin collection ranges from coins minted all over the world.

Like father, like son, that's the way it seems to be going in Britain at the moment, with more and more sons following in their father's famous footsteps into the wrestling profession. Manchester's Peter Stewart is hoping to fill the shoes of his great father, Vic Stewart, who just recently retired. . . . Jackie "Mr. TV" Pallo, has remained active and now teams with Jackie Pallo, Jr., calling themselves "Pallo and Son". . . . Mark Rocco is the son of Jim Hussey and Dave Barry of Les Kellet, two of England's leading wrestlers. They have preferred to change their names, hoping to get to the top on their own ability and not by cashing in on their father's name.

It was announced in February that Shohei Baba's ALL JAPAN WRESTLING ASSOCIATION was joining with the National Wrestling Alliance and furthermore organizing a Pacific Wrestling Federation which would recognize Curtis Iaukea as the Pacific Champion; The Destroyer as the U.S. Pacific Champ; Ciclon Negro as Latin American Champ; and Mark Lewin as Southern Hemisphere Champion. Lord Blear's heads the Federation in Hawaii.

Shohei Baba, AJWA Champion, proved his greatness with a one fall to a finish pinning of Bruno Sammartino, as well as victories over Bobo Brazil, Harley Race, and Pat O'Connor. . . A big tournament is underway including most of this organization's talent, with the winner to be crowned on April 21. . . One of Japan's most promising young wrestlers, Tsuruta, is journeying to West Texas to study American wrestling styles in the backyard of the famous Funk family.

International Wrestling Enterprise Champion, Shozo Kobayashi, is no second-rate champion either, judging from his recent wins over Horst Hoffman, Mad Dog Vachon, and Angelo Mosca. . . Kobayashi & Marte Inoue teamed up to defeat Vachon & Rapapotsky, and Mad Dog & Mosca. . . Kusatsu, who holds the IWE tag title with Kobayashi, won singles matches from Mad Dog and Mosca, and drew with Hoffman. The German star also drew with Inoue.



The Destroyer looks on as his partner, Shohei Baba, grapples with Ciclon Negro.



Sakaguchi, who is the top wrestler on the Japanese Wrestling Assoc. since Baba left, will find that Inoki's group which broke away before Baba, will be rejoining to form one group in April. . . . Mar. 3, Yoshimura retired, his last bout coming in the Osaka college gym he once attended. He beat Ruben Juarez. Holding the All Asia tag title with Sakaguchi, they nominated Kojika & Matsouka to replace them. This new team proved its worth, by downing Germans Karl Krupp & von Steiger. . . Krupp did team with Johnny Valentine to take the International tag title from Sakaguchi & Kintaro Oki, Feb. 22nd, but Oki & Mr. Ito defeated them on Mar. 6th. . Valentine continued to hold the United National title he won from Sakaguchi on Mar. 2.

Besides Krupp, such rugged American matmen as Harley Race, Bulldog Brown, Paul Jones & Stan Stasiak have been overpowering the likes of Sato, Okuma, Momota, Kutsuwada & Kojika. Lesser American talent such as Kick Shannon, Charlie Fulton & Jose Quintero have been easy foes for most Japanese wrestlers. . Sugiyama downed both Brown & Jones, but Jones & Race beat Baba & Sugiyama in a tag bout, then lost to Baba & Kutsuwada, a team Race won against with Sammartino for a partner. . Baba & Sugiyama beat Race & Stasiak. . Jerry Kozak downed Sato & Okuma. . Takachiho whipped both Juarez & von Steiger. Mr. Chine is coming to AWA.

FEBRUARY-MARCH WRESTLING NEWS -- FROM THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Ex-Notre Dame athlete Mike Webster, and The Brute continue to hold the tag team title recognized in British Columbia, and the state of Washington. It has been their excellent teamwork, often done illegally, that has allowed them to retain the title thru the month of February and the first half of March. They have had considerable problems whenever facing any two of the trio of Dean Higuchi, Sean Regan, and John Quinn.

Regan, who won bouts from both Webster and the Brute on disqualification, for being thrown over the top rope, lost a tag match for himself and Dean Higuchi, when he lost his temper and began using his shillelagh for which he was disqualified.

Regan was also disqualified in a title bout with Pacific Coast champ Gene Kiniski. . . In a 6-man tag elimination battle, Quinn, Higuchi & Regan defeated Webster, the Brute & Kiniski. Altho Quinn was eliminated by the Brute in the opening fall, the villains dropped the next 3 falls, with Webster being disqualified and Regan beating his two partners. . . Regan also won an 11-man battle royal, in which McTavish, Ramstad & Webster were the last three to be ousted.

Two Kiniski-Brute championship encounters did not truly determine who is superior. The first bout apparently ended with the Brute taking the title, but a ringside official informed referee Roy McClarity that Kiniski should not have been counted pinned, because he had his foot on the rope. By this time, the Brute was in the dressing room celebrating his victory as the ref began the bout anew and counted him out for not returning. . . Naturally a rematch had to be made and it also ended unsatisfactorily, in a no contest, with both men counted out, brawling among the fans. This Brute is not Brute Bernard, who is in Texas. I suspect he is the man who previously wrestled in Oregon as the Skull.

The Brute seemed to find big John Quinn tougher to handle. The Brute eased by Quinn in one bout simply because John was disqualified for hitting the ref. A rematch, with the ring surrounded by wrestlers, was taken by Quinn. . . Quinn has started to become a fan favorite in the area, being matched against the villains since emerging the winner in his feud with former tag partner, Bob "Bulldog" Brown.

Quinn was the favorite in Seattle on Mar.3, when he faced Kiniski. Altho Gene resorted to several illegal moves including a thumb jab to earn the first fall, Quinn came back to overcome constant choking, to even the championship struggle after some bodyslams, whips into the turnbuckle and 2 atomic drops. Dazed from John's elbow smashes, Kiniski fell from the ring and it looked very much as if there would be a new Pacific Coast champion, but Quinn missed an elbow drop and was counted out as Kiniski barely beat the count at 18.

Seattle, which had gone from every other week to weekly cards, did not present any shows in February due to a promotional shake-up that now has Vancouver promoter, Sandor Kovacs, handling all the considerations, rather than sharing them with Dean Silverstone. At the March 3 card, it was announced the following show would not be until Mar.30.

Bull Ramos, lost his Northwest heavyweight title, recognized in Oregon, to Dutch Savage in February. Then narrowly missed regaining it in a couple rugged rematches. In Portland, Dutch injured his arm, when he missed a bodyblock and hit the turnbuckle, costing him the 2nd fall, but the bout ended in a no contest fighting outside the ring. In Medford, Bull was stomping the bleeding Savage, when Steven Little Bear jumped in, getting his tag partner disqualified, but saving his crown. To Little Bear, it must have seemed like poetic justice, since he lost the title the same way when Ramos had it, when Baron Scicluna interfered, making it a dq. victory. . . Dutch Savage drove Scicluna out of the area after beating him in a Coal Miner's Glove Match. . . Dutch lost the Northwest title back to Ramos however, in a match he entered with an injured leg that Bull took advantage of.

America's Champion, Victor Rivera defeated Terry Funk in a title match on Feb. 9, then played an important role in the long-awaited Fred Blassie vs. Destroyer bout. With both men covered with blood, the masked man gained the advantage and began working over Blassie's leg. Rivera, who was one of the lumberjacks surrounding the ring, could not contain his anger and jumped in, giving the big D quite a going-over and almost pulled the mask off before the Destroyer was saved by Gordon Nelson. . . The Rivera-Destroyer title bout on Feb. 23, ended in disqualification for the Destroyer, who managed to flip Victor over the top rope in escaping from his abdominal stretch.

Rivera also played an important part in the Americas' tag title changing hands on the 23rd. Mexican star, Raul Mata, and British star, David Morgan, combined to hand the tag team champs, Black Gordman & Goliath a rare two straight fall, non-title loss on Feb. 9th. The champions were giving the challengers a terrible pounding when Rivera came in and after using brass knuckles on Gordman, Mata was able to pin him to win the title. . . Goliath & Gordman gained a measure of revenge on Rivera on the following LA card (Mar. 9). Rivera met Gordman for his Americas' title and when it looked like he had it all wreapped up, applying his abdominal stretch, Goliath interfered, pounding Vic into a bloody mess, enabling his tag partner, Gordman to pin Rivera and win the championship.

Ripper Collins has been announcing television matches and managing the Destroyer & Gordon Nelson. The tactics he uses in handling both chores, has made him more unpopular than ever. As one of the TV commentators, he has obnoxiously favored the Villains and broke the guitar of Raul Mata. As a manager, his cane-swinging has been responsible for Nelson's victories over Kinji Shibuya, Kim-Duk, and Earl Maynard. Nelson's victory over the muscular Negro star, TV's "Beat the Champ" titleholder.

The confusion over whom is recognized as the U.S. Champion in Norther California, has been cleared up, but not the controversy over whom should own the title. The Great Mephisto is now the champion but Pat Patterson (the former titleholder) has been the obviously superior wrestler in administering 3 whippings. . . In San Francisco, on the 17th of Feb., Mephisto was carried out on a stretcher. Pat took the Great One outside the ring and slammed his leg into the ringpost several times, then took off his loaded boot. Pat then made the mistake of throwing Mephisto back into the ring. As Patterson was returning to the ring, Mephisto managed to knock him back off the apron and Pat was counted out. . . Two other matches saw the new champion forced to rely on hitting the referee to become disqualified while on the losing end.

Altho unable to regain the singles title thru the middle of March, Patterson & his team partner, Rocky Johnson, have been able to thwart the efforts of Mephisto and his tag partner, Luke Graham, from taking the tag team title. . . Fast stepping into the limelight as the top challengers for Patterson-Johnson's belts are the Interns. With much help from their manager, Dr. Ken Ramey, they won several matches from the Samoans, who had been extremely impressive until running into Ramey's masked tag team. . . One of the Samoans, Reno Rufuli, also lost tag encounters to them with Manuel Cruz and Antonio Rocca as his partners. . . Even Rocky Johnson & Pepper Gomez could not take the constant double and triple-teaming and lost after Ramey used a foreign object on Pepper.

Ray Stevens continues to headline many West Coast cards, beating the likes of Kinji Shibuya, Luke Graham and Lars Anderson. Anderson was a bloody mess in their loser-leave-Frisco battle before Ray gave the Luscious one an atomic drop astride the top rope. . . Rocky Johnson also defeated Anderson, Shibuya & Graham with a combination of dropkicks, skullbutts and his boston crab finisher. . . Terry Garvin came to the area and dropped bouts to Stevens and Red Bastien. . . Paul DeMarco has gone to Australia. . Gomez beat Graham.

FEBRUARY-MARCH WRESTLING NEWS: - - FROM TEXAS

Jack Brisco came into Texas and figured in two upsets - one major & one minor: Maybe Brisco's legion of followers would not regard Jack's victory over Fritz von Erich an upset but it certainly was for the majority of Texas wrestling buffs who heard about their Mar. 2nd bout. . On Feb. 5, in Fort Worth, Jack came out on the losing end, being pinned by Rick Hunter.

The biggest story to come out of Texas affected the entire wrestling world, when Dory Funk Jr. dislocated his shoulder, when the pickup truck he was driving on his father's Umbarger, Tex. ranch, overturned on Feb. 28th. A doctor's estimate was that Funk would have to remain idle from defending his NWA Heavyweight title for at least six weeks. . Brisco met von Erich in Houston due to the accident that necessitated bringing in Fritz as a substitution. . . Prior to his being incapacitated, Dory Jr. was extended to an hour draw with Ciclon Negro, but proved his superiority by winning two other matches against the sensational Latin star.

Another top wrestler in Texas and throughout the nation, Johnny Valentine, became inactive, hospitalized with a blockage of one side of the heart, in Houston, around the middle of March. . With Valentine unable to honor his commitments as the American Champion, the Missouri Mauler was selected to defend this prestigious State title. . . Brute Bernard is now in the Lone Star state with his tag partner, The Mauler, and manager, Gary Hart. The Brute, with his tempestuous style of brawling and insistence upon using foreign objects and ringside chairs, quickly gained as much unpopularity as his two unscrupulous partners-in-crime.

Due to the fact that Bronco Lubich is also a prominent manager who would rather use his cane than knuckle under, he has become the number one enemy of Gary Hart. In recent weeks, he has become an even more obvious fly-in-the-ointment by: using his cane to trip the Missouri Mauler causing him to lose to Fritz von Erich; tossed

this cane to Ivan Putski, who used it on Brute Bernard; then pulled him off the ring apron so he'd be counted out; brought back to Texas; in the Spoiler, whom he used to manage, to rekindle his feud with ex-manager, Hart, who he parted company with under much more bitter circumstances. . . Hart lost a "lights Out" match to Jose Lothario and drew with Houston promoter Paul Boesch.

The Mauler & Bernard, who usually end up winning their matches or getting disqualified because of the interference of Hart, were defeated by Ivan Putski & Jose Lothario who are now the Texas tag team champions.

Ernie Ladd has appeared in several bouts in Texas' rings and the result is usually blood, confusion and disqualification; Terry Funk defeated Ladd because he was getting help from Hank James. . . Ernie used his taped thumb to open up a cut on Ivan Putski's forehead and the Polish strongman went wild, getting ddd. when he refused to calm down or heed the referee. . . Another Putski-Ladd bout saw all 3 falls end in disqualification. Again Ivan was bleeding and wild, so Ladd stopped him the only way he could -- tossed him over the top rope; Putski accidentally hit the ref as he was punching Ladd silly in the corner, to even up the falls; then Ladd took the easy way out by deliberately hitting the ref. . . Prior to a bout with Fritz von Erich, Ladd worked over Jose Lothario, who was in the ring to explain why von Erich had to substitute for Ruben Juarez. Then with the bout even at a fall apiece, Jose, the current Texas State Champ, returned to the ring and knocked Ernie into bloody unconsciousness.

Lothario & The Spoiler got the best of the Mauler & Bernard, in a match in which all 4 were bleeding, and the latter team left for the dressing room. . . Mil Mascaras beat Ciclon Negro, but Gordman & Goliath were less fortunate coming from California, they were defeated by the Western States tag champs, Don & John Fargo. The Fargoes, using illegal and clever tactics such as a concealed chain, beat the clever team of Englishmen Les Thornton and Al Hayes.

OZARKS

Former AWA wrestlers, Dennis Stamp & Bull Bullinski won the U.S. tag team title recognized in this area from Terry Garvin & Duke Meyers. . . They didn't hold the title long, dropping it to Buddy Roberts & Jerry Brown, who recently held the Grand Prix version of the tag title.

In a rematch, Bullinski was knocked unconscious when he hit his head hard on the mat after being flipped high into the air. He was carried from the ring and Dr. X (Jim Osborne) agreed to replace the injured truck driver. As a result of Dr. X's help, Dennis Stamp came back to pin Jerry Brown the next two falls. The second fall was won when Stamp maneuvered Brown into an airplane spin while Dr. X prevented Roberts from interfering. Then with Brown getting ready to pin Dennis for the final fall, Dr. X jumped off the top, kicking Brown in the head, and setting up Stamp to turn the tables while the masked man again prevented Roberts from interfering. It was poetic justice that Brown & Roberts lose in such a manner, since they had beaten Stamp & Bullinski in a similar way. Since Brown & Roberts lost in a tag match in which their two opponents at the end were not the two who began the bout, they did not lose their belts. . . However, Dr. X & Stamp were given a rematch. This time Dr. X lost the opening fall when he attempted to kick Brown in the head with his loaded boot, missed and fell back to be pinned. Dennis again evened the bout, beating Brown with an airplane spin, but then Stamp was thrown out of the ring during the final fall and double-teamed to prevent his return to the ring, then given a double back body slam and pinned.

Dr. X, who formerly had been one of the most unpopular grapplers in the area, has now become a favorite of the fans. He has now turned over a new leaf and is facing such unpopular opponents as Jerry Miller and Bruiser Bob Sweetan. . . He is even teaming up with former enemy, Danny

Hodge. As a team they recently faced Sweetan & Rip Tyler. Dr. X took the opening fall with a body press after pounding Sweetan to the mat. The masked man fell victim to double-teaming, then was forced to concede as Rip & Bruiser alternated applying pressure to his back with a bow-&-arrow hold. The third fall ended in a free-for-all. The ref started to count as Sweetan pinned Dr. X, then realized Hodge, who was pinning Tyler, were the pair that should be in the ring and he counted to three, awarding the bout to the heroes, while the crowd howled its approval and Sweetan went wild with rage.

Former WWWF tag champions, Geeto & Bepo remain in the area, boasting of wins over Bullinski & Scandor Akbar, Grizzly Smith & Suni War Cloud, Smith & Akbar, and Bullinski & Dewey Robertson. The Mongols also lose often by disqualification to such teams as Bullinski & Stamp and Hodge & Smith. . . In a singles match, big Jake "Grizzly" Smith seemed to be getting the better of Bepo in their battle of muscles until the Mongol flipped him over the top rope to be dqd.

Area fans find the high-flying Dewey Robertson, who can take it with the best of them, to be a top attraction. Chuck O'Connor was pinned following a series of dropkicks from Dewey. . . Bob Sweetan was counted out when he found the going too rough. A rematch saw Robertson lose the first fall as Sweetan viciously worked on his leg. However, Dewey came back to even the bout with a flying body press after being whipped into the ropes. The third fall saw Sweetan get disqualified for using karate, but again Dewey showed great recuperative powers by recovering before Sweetan could get pleasure out of administering a post-bout beating. Instead a series of drop-kicks again send Sweetan to the shower.

CENTRAL STATES

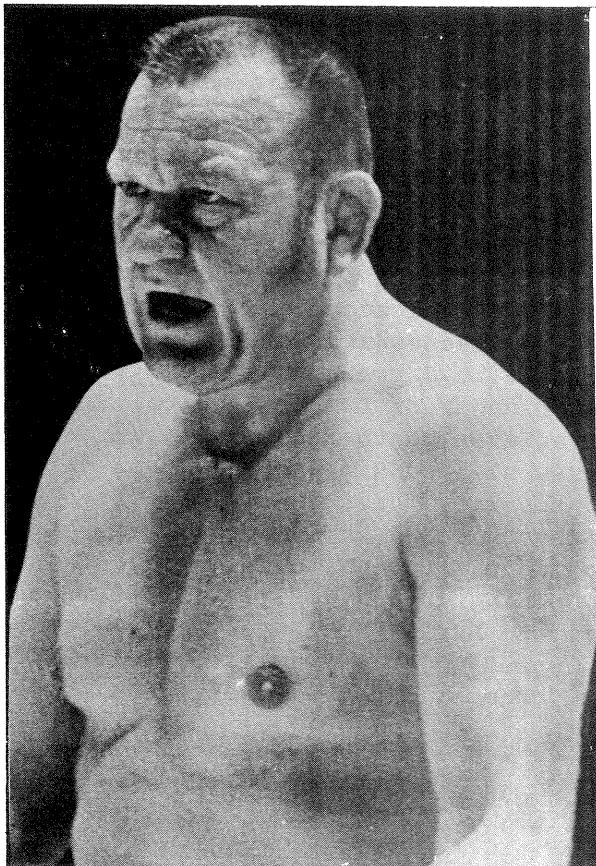
Roger Kirby continues to hold the Central States title through the 28 days of February and the first half of March. In the process, he defeated such top area talent as Rufus Jones, Bob Geigel, Stan Pulaski and Black Angus Campbell. . . . This 43-day reign was not without much luck and fate. Jones and Geigel

FEBRUARY-MARCH WRESTLING NEWS: - -FROM JUST WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI

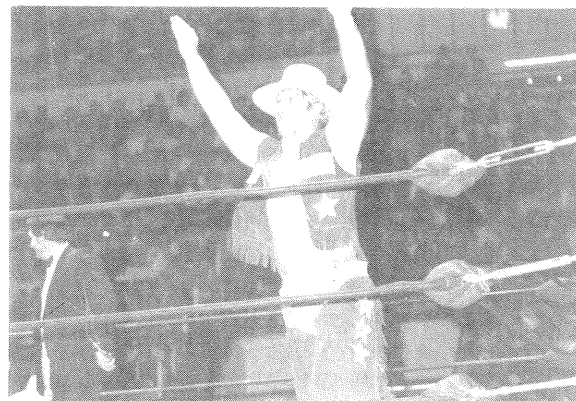
both won non-title matches. Ex-champion, Omar Atlas beat Roger 2 straight falls, but the second fall was via disqualification.

Kirby's big feud is with ex-tag partner, Black Angus Campbell, who broke away from his unpopular manager, Percival Friend and became a fan favorite. Angus beat Kirby in a non-title lumberjack bout, drew with him, and lost via count-out. He also has been disqualified in a couple encounters for refusing to stop choking his dreaded adversary. The Scottish strongman could have won the title on at least one occasion, but neglected to go for the pin, in order to continue the punishment.

Bob Geigel & Rufus Jones continue to hold the North American tag title with wins over potential successors Mickey Doyle & Mike Boyette (Rufus headbutting Doyle for the pin) and The Great Togo & Tokyo Joe (Jones putting Geigel on top of Joe after a mid-ring collision while the ref was preoccupied with Togo) . . . Percival Friend who is now devoting all of his time to managing the Japanese team, has traded his suit and attache case for a Japanese robe, cane and a new hair style.



Gene Kiniski - Now
popular in St. Louis



Terry Funk

On television, the Viking said that he was having fun wrestling again. He meant he is now back to his old style of roughhouse brawling. He is also in the midst of a feud with Stan Pulaski.

Terry Funk defeated Johnny Valentine for the Missouri State title in a televised match, using a chair on JV's leg prior to applying his spinning toe-hold. . . At the Kiel Auditorium in St. Louis, Jerry Brisco submitted to Terry's submission hold (Feb.16). . . It took Terry & his father 3 falls to defeat Steve Bolus & Sonny Myers, as Myers used a rolling cradle to pin Dory Sr. in the first fall. . . Funk beat Pat O'Connor, Terry's job made easy after they both fell out of the ring with Funk landing on Pat's ankle. . . The Invader & Ivan Koloff went to a no fall, 30 minute draw with Jerry Brisco & Rufus Jones. . . The Invader drew with O'Connor who took a 16-man battle royal in St. Louis on Feb. 16. . . Bolus upset Pulaski.



The Invader - St. Louis'

MISSISSIPPI

The current state tag team champions are Cowboy Bob Kelley & Frank Dalton. The climax of their feud with the Medic & Jim Bass was a bout in which they would receive the Medic's manager, Frenchy, if they won. Frenchy was forced to follow Kelley & Dalton around, but this got to be too much for them and they fired him. Later the two rivals met in another match, with Frenchy merely sitting in the audience. After the bout, Bass & the Medic attacked Frenchy, giving him a good beating. As a result Frenchy asked Kelley & Dalton to take him back and they agreed. For what may be the first time in wrestling history, a manager turned from bad to good, as the fans began cheering Frenchy as his outside help began influencing Dalton-Kelley victories.

The Wrestling Pro entered the area and became the state champ in a bout with Kelley. . . Ken Lucas moved into the area, following the Pro in an effort to resolve his grudge. Lucas also became embroiled in a feud with the Medic and Frenchy also asked if he could assist him in some of his bouts with the masked man. Ken accepted the offer and with Frenchy's help, the Medic was injured - Frenchy had gained his revenge completely.

Frank Dalton, Ken Lucas & Chief Thundercloud went to an exciting no contest with The Wrestling Pro, the Mongol & Black Bart. . . The Mongol in this area is not Bepo or Geeto.

KENTUCKY, TENNESSEE, ALABAMA

Veteran Joe Millich continues to wrestle occassionally around Southern Indiana. Joe has to be one of the oldest mat veterans still active. . . Joe & Don Anderson beat the Great Fuji & Taro Murasaki. Joe with Bobby Lyons beat this Japanese team via disqualification. Area fans report it is a common practice for Murasaki & Fuji to begin using their wooden shoes, when losing, to get disqualified

Jimmy Kent continues to use a spur to help the Bounty Hunters tag team win

matches. . . Recently Kent bloodied up Tojo Yamamoto with this unorthodox and illegal weapon. . . Tojo gained a measure of revenge by obtaining a 10-round boxing match with Kent. The bout only went 4 before Jimmy was k-o'd. . . Tom Gilbert & Eddie Marlin regained their Mid-America tag team title from Kent's Bounty Hunters. In order to insure strict rules, Eddie & Tommy had to risk having their hair cut if they lost the final fall, but it was worth it as they won the title bout. Promoter Nick Gulas' son, George, refereed and Kent was forced to take off his cowboy boots.

Tojo Yamamoto won a 10-man battle royal in competition with George Cannon, Don Kent, Al Costello, Mike Wicks, The Hawk, Bearcat Brown, Rufus Jones, Eric von Braunner and Rock Hudson. . . Despite the fact that the Fabulous Kangaroos and manager Cannon were the first three eliminated in the battle royal, they came back to defeat Tojo and Bearcat Brown in a 2-3 fall tag encounter. The final two falls were fought with the ropes broken. It ended when Cannon used a boomerang on Brown.

There no longer is any doubt as to the status of Don Greene, who had been teaming with some of the area's popular mat men. He has rejoined his brother Al, and they have found a new manager to replace Sir Clements -- Rock "Mr. Wonderful" Riddle. So Don is back to his old ways of outnumbering and outroughing his opponents.

Jackie Fargo & Jerry Jarrett proved to be extraordinarily popular and capable holders of the Southern tag title. They defeated such dangerous opposition as the Greenes and Jerry Lawler & Jim White. . . Jarrett fought the interfering manager of Lawler & White, Sam Bass, in a Texas Death Match. Lawler seconded Bass, slipped him a chain, then distracted the ref. Best laid plans often fail however, and Jackie Fargo, who was seconding his tag partner, spoiled these, by coming in and applying his sleeper hold to Bass. . . Tony Russo & Jim Golden wrestled to a draw with the Tri-State Tag Champs, the Masked Blitzers.

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ILLUSTRATED WRESTLING DIGEST

FEBRUARY-MARCH WRESTLING NEWS: FROM THE SOUTH (CONT'D)

Jerry Lawler & Jim White won the Southern tag team belts from Jarrett & Fargo under unusual circumstances. Fargo was forced to meet the challengers in a handicap match when Jarrett's plane was delayed and he was not able to make their scheduled bout in Memphis. Jackie lost two straight falls against the unscrupulous Lawler-White team and their underhanded manager, Sam Bass.

This area continues to prove that its fans are among the most rabid, as they are not only supporting the NWA cards of Gulas & Welch, but also the recently organized promotions of Phil Golden. Paul Christy continues to be recognized on their circuit as world champion with Saul Weingeroff's von Braunnerns still sporting the tag team title. The von Braunnerns have recently run into the newly formed team of Stan "Giant" Frazier & Junior Rice. These huge fellows call their team the Mississippi Plowboys. . . . Pres Whatley & Sweet Daddy Watts have also formed a top team. However, Watts was recently burned by 2 fireballs thrown by the hated Gentleman Saul. . . Dale Mann and George Strickland have been appearing for Golden. . . The circuit also has a Dr. X and two Mr. Wrestlings. What original names for masked wrestlers.

GEORGIA

Former NWA Champion, Gene Kiniski, made a short trip to Georgia and wound up regretting it. He was beaten by Dory Funk, Jr. and Mr. Wrestling. . . Mr. Wrestling has become the sensation of the NWA sponsored shows and received a bout with NWA Champ Funk. Atlanta fans were shocked and disappointed to see the title bout end prematurely when the top ring rope broke and Mr. Wrestling fell out of the ring, injuring himself so badly that the bout was halted and he was taken to the hospital.

Chati Yokouchi & Yasu Fuji have come to the Peach State and had good success under promoter Paul Jones. They lost to the Infernos however, as did Rocket & Sputnik Monroe. The

notorious masked team seems to have established themselves as the top tag team here under the guidance of manager J. C. Dykes, who recently took control of the Zodiac.

Mr. Wrestling II unmasked the Zodiac who had previously been exposed in Florida--Bob Orton. . . He also defeated Hans Schmidt and was given a bout with Sputnik Monroe, with the winner to be designated as the NWA recognized state champ. The masked man tossed Sputnik out of the ring, kneelifted his brother & second, Rocket Monroe, then tossed Sputnik back into the ring and cradled him to earn the championship.

Norvel Austin & Arman Hussein have become popular since dissolving their partnerships with Tarzan Tyler and leaving Dandy Jack's stable. . Austin fought Tyler with an opportunity to face his ex-manager if he beat Tarzan. Tyler held him to a draw however, and he did not receive the chance he wanted. . Bobo Brazil had more luck, beating Tyler with his cocobutts and obtaining a match with Dandy Jack. Jack and Tyler used salt to blind Bobo and Norvel came to Brazil's rescue - cleaning house on his ex-associates.

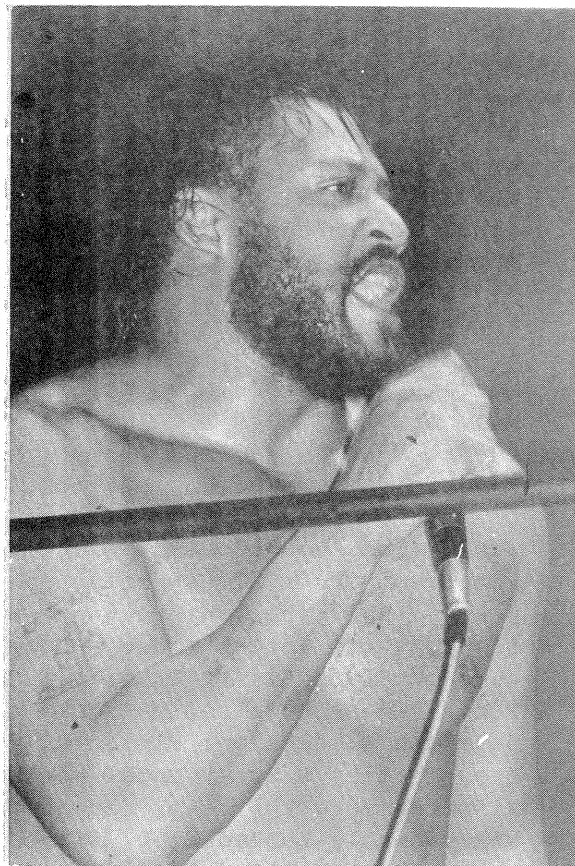
Bobby Shane has decided to base his wrestling operations in Georgia for a while. . . Lou Thesz, 6-time NWA World Champ, came into the state, as it seems ageless Lou cannot stay retired from the mat game. . . Their paths crossed in a 6-man tag match with Thesz teamed with Bill Dromo & Bob Armstrong, against Shane and the Japanese duo of Yokouchi & Fuji. Bobby stayed away from any contact with Thesz the entire match, then attacked him after the bout, which Lou had earned with a cradle of Fuji.

Bill Watts met the Zodiac and controlled almost the entire match, then lost when he slipped a object into his mask and headbutted the popular Cowboy. Another of The Zodiac's rivals, Mr. Wrestling, witnessed the entire affair, came into the ring and hit him so hard that he knocked the silver dollar from out of the mask, causing the ref to reverse his decision.

MORE NEWS FROM THE SOUTH

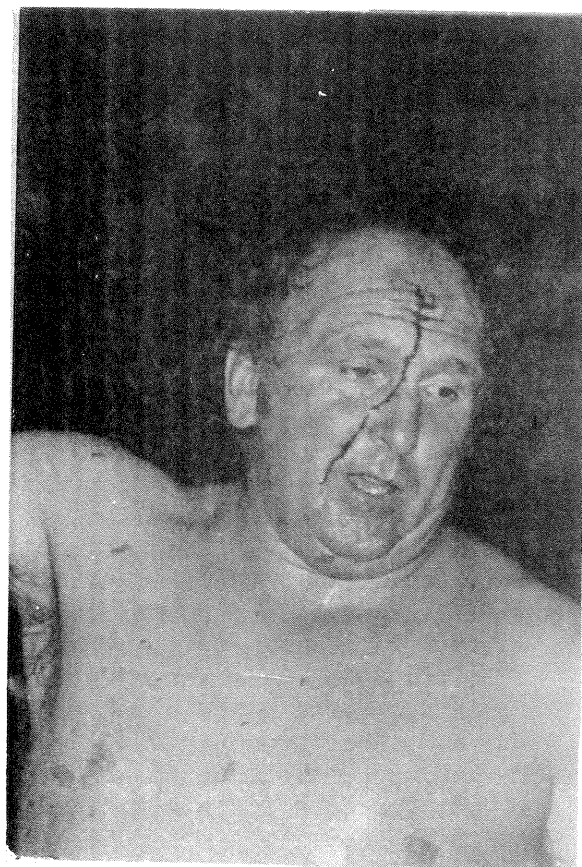
VIRGINIA & THE CAROLINAS

Jerry Brisco once again became the Eastern Champion, when he clamped on his figure-4 leglock on Rip Hawk in Winston-Salem (March 3rd). . . Killer Karl Kox, who has spent part of his time filling in for Swede Hanson in tag matches with Rip Hawk since Brisco seriously injured his leg with the figure-4 leg lock; surprised the fans by applying the back body drop he calls a "brainbuster" to George Harris. He lifted the 317 lbs. Harris more than six feet into the air in order to utilize the maneuver. . . Thunderbolt Patterson managed to escape from Kox's hold by sliding over his shoulder and wrapping him into a small package. The crowd went wild as T-bolt outmaneuvered Kox, however, Karl then attacked Patterson from behind and delivered his dreaded brainbuster, not once, but twice. . . Altho he managed to have Kox bleeding from his right ear, like a stuck hog, Jerry Brisco lost a 2-3 fall, non-title match to Kox. . . Brisco did not fall victim to the brainbuster, but was defeated by Kox's elbow drops to the throat and use of a foreign object.



Thunderbolt Patterson

Gene & Ole Anderson lost a one-fall, non-title tag match to the ex-Atlantic Coast Champions, Johnny Weaver & Art Neilson. Weaver pinned Ole after dodging out of his way, causing Anderson to hit the turnbuckle throat first. . . After the bout, the Menace joined the Andersons in attacking the victorious team. Neilson, who was knocked out of the ring, grabbed a cane from a fan and returned to drive the attackers away, but not before administering a vicious beating to the Menace. . . The Andersons were defeated in a non-title match with Neilson & Ronnie Garvin and Brisco & Patterson, both via disqualification. They have successfully defended their belts against Garvin & Nelson Royal, Neilson & Weaver, Fred Sweetan & Mike Dubois, Terry & Bobby Kay, Patterson & Garvin, and Randy Curtis & Sandy Scott. . . Sandy Scott's brother George, returned to the area and met Bobby Shane. It was a bout of near misses as George grabbed his sleeper, but Bobby made it to the rope. Scott fought back from Shane's attack using his braced knee to apply a boston crab. Shane broke free and maneuvered George into a pin, only to have Scott reverse the move into a tight cradle to upset Bobby. . Art Neilson fought the Menace in a grudge bout since it was the masked man who cost Art & Weaver their tag title. The Andersons interfered, Gene using metal in his glove and the Menace was disqualified.



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VIRGINIA & THE CAROLINAS (CONT'D)

"The Royal Kangaroos" Lord Jonathan Boyd & his cousin, Sir Norman Frederick Charles, are feuding with the area's biggest regular duo - Big Luke Brown & Klondike Bill. Recent battles have pretty much been split, or with Luke & Bill having a slight edge. . . Boyd & Charles beat Dubois & Sweetan, who have spent most of their time continuing their Canadian feud with Bobby & Terry Kay. . . Ron Garvin & Sandy Scott and Les Thatcher & Jim Dillon. . . Dillon who seems to be improving rapidly in this area, might be familiar to WWWF fans as referee Jimmy Morrison. . . A pier-six brawl between Mike Dubois & Art Neilson ended with Art bodyslamming Dubois, then coming off the top rope with a forearm to the back of the head. . . The same card saw one of the wildest, most exciting 6-man tag matches ever held anywhere, with Brisco, Weaver & Patterson taking 2-3 falls from Kox, Sweetan & Hawk. As usual, these villains vented their feelings afterwards, gaining revenge in a sneak attack that required Jerry Brisco to be carried out. . . One of the upsets of the year occurred in Durham, N.C. on Feb. 14th, when Dory Funk Jr. lost a non-title bout to Rip Hawk.

FLORIDA

Tampa was the scene of two tag team title changes, just a week apart. On Feb. 13th, Bobby Shane & Gorgeous George Jr. upset Big Bad John & Tim Woods. With all 4 men in the ring, Woods caught George in a sleeper. While the ref was busy shoos John from the ring, Shane rammed his knee into the back of Tim's head, setting up his partner to take the one fall title bout. . . The title reign was exceedingly short however, as up-and-coming youngsters Mike Graham & Kevin Sullivan defeated Shane & Gorgeous George Jr. on the 20th, as Graham cradled George.

Dory Funk Jr. Made 6 title defenses in the Sunshine State in February, facing Mark Lewin, Thunderbolt Pat-

terson, The Spoiler, Big Bad John, Boris Malenko & Jack Brisco. . . The Brisco-Funk match was held in Tampa on the 13th, 2-3 falls to once and for all decide the issue of which superstar was truly best. Altho Brisco took the first fall, Funk came back to earn the next two. Brisco accidentally went out over the top rope and Funk brought him back in and pinned him with a body press after a series of elbow drops and piledrivers to even the score. Dory Jr. preserved his title by continuing to roll when Jack walked him into the ropes and took him down into a cradle, reversing the pin. . . The Great Malenko caught Funk in his "Russian Sickle", but Dory made it to the ropes. Off the break, Funk lifted Boris into the air, dropped him to the mat and hooked him into a jackknife pin.

The Jacksonville battle royal ended up in a dispute between Mr. Kleen and Man Mountain Mike and the two were paired the following week to settle it. Mr. Kleen won. . . Mr. Kleen won the Southern title from Buddy Colt in Miami on Feb. 28th. . Paul Jones returned from his Japanese tour and promptly went after the title. Mar. 6, Jones met Mr. Kleen in Tampa, but the Japanese influence was a little too strong and Paul was disqualified for using karate. They met again in Orlando on March 12, with Jones pounding Mr. Kleen into defeat. Jones proved he deserved the title by whipping the strongman again the next evening back in Tampa in a non-sanctioned, Lights Out match.

Popular Johnny Walker (rumored to be Mr. Wrestling II in Georgia) returned to Florida and seemingly had Paul Jones on the run - but then Jones snuck in a karate chop, undetected by the referee and pinned him. Walker who had suffered a cut above the right eye, returned for the battle royal and in fitting revenge, was the winner, with Jones being the last one Walker eliminated. Walker also ousted Ron Wright, one of the Saints Chris Markoff, and Buck Robley. Man Mountain Mike was eliminated by several who combined forces, and others who participated included Woods, Big Bad John, Kevin Sullivan, Mike Graham, Mr. Kleen, Gorgeous George Jr., Roberto Soto, Frank Hester and Black Jack Slade. . . Don Curtis shaved off Bobby Shane's mustache after beating him in Jacksonville.

Florida rivals Jack Brisco and Bobby Shane brought their feud into Philadelphia and Boston, in each case with Brisco emerging the winner via his figure-4 leglock.

The beginning of March brought Fred Blassie, Andre Rousimoff, and Don Leo Jonathan into the area to tape TV matches - forecasting good things for future live shows involving these top talents. . . Prior to appearing in Australia, Dennis McCord was extremely popular young grappler in the Carolinas. Since he appeared in the land down under, he goes by the name of Mike, coming into the WWWF area adopting a rougher style.

Arnold Skoaland has been defeating Joe Turco in several WWWF arenas. . . Ditto for Chief Strongbow, who has been successful in quite a few encounters with Lonnie Mayne. . . The Chief was hit on the head with a gin bottle thrown by a non-thinking character sitting in the balcony. He had been headlining a tag match in Worcester, Mass. with Sonny King, but the match had to be stopped because he was bleeding profusely. Such a senseless story should serve as a reminder to other non-thinkers with hot tempers - more often than not, it's not the villain you are aiming at, that gets hit. It's your favorite or an innocent ringside fan. And those targets of your wrath have loved ones too, and are trying to make a living. No good can possibly come from a spectator throwing an object toward the ring.

Feb. 26, Verne Gagne was to have wrestled Ray Stevens in Madison Square Garden. Eddie Graham was moved up the lineup to face the AWA champion in a rather unusual and semi-scientific matchup. Gagne began by holding an armlock that Graham escaped from with 2 elbow smashes. Undaunted, Verne again applied it and moving towards the ropes, Ed tripped Gagne into a leglock, punishing him with knees to the thighs. Verne tapped Graham 6 times on the back with increasing severity, thus a reddened Graham sunk his knee deep

into Gagne's leg once more. Verne hit Eddie on the back a half dozen more times, enraging Graham who grabbed a headlock and punched Verne in the forehead. When Gagne indicated he would be willing to box with Graham, Eddie leaped from the ring. When he returned, he spied Verne's warmup towel, grabbed it and used it for choking until the ref was able to unwrap it from around Gagne's neck. Graham grabbed a little hair on the head of the balding champion, only to be flipped to the mat with a nicely executed flying head scissors. Verne was forced to release the hold when Eddie sunk his teeth into Gagne's leg. Graham then grabbed the leg, placed it across the bottom rope and jumped down on it. They traded punches, then Verne whipped Eddie into the ropes and came off with a dropkick. Verne fell hard to the mat, missing with the dropkick when Graham was able to catch and hold onto the top ring rope as he was propelled into it. Eddie came off with a flying tackle, but when he attempted to do it again, Gagne avoided the charge and trapped Graham in his famed sleeper hold to win the bout in 14:35.

In the other top bouts on the Garden card: Victor Rivera managed to kick out of Dory Funk, Sr.'s spinning toe-hold and finally trapped him in a rolling cradle as he came off the ropes. . . Pedro Morales survived his 20th N.Y. title defense even tho King Curtis Iaukea used a rope for choking, a plastic object, karate chops, and a photographers' camera. Pedro set Iaukea up with a bodyslam and back body drop, then came off the top rope with a flying body press. . . Mil Mascaras used flying forearm smashes to pin Buddy Wolfe.

Despite the fact there was a ladies' tag match, and an obvious father-son evening (Mike Graham subdued Joe Turco and Terry Funk cradled Chuck Richards) the final bout ended by 10:30, not even approaching the 11:00 o'clock curfew, and the absence of Stevens replaced by loser Richards, meant two disappointments with Gagne not meeting Ray and Terry Funk not competing with Eddie Graham.

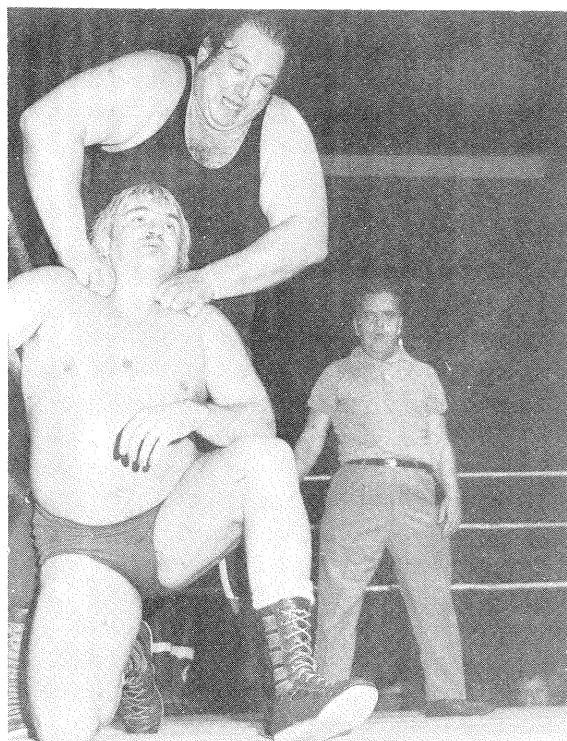
Boston also had a card on Mon, Feb. 26th, and with the WWWF also bringing in

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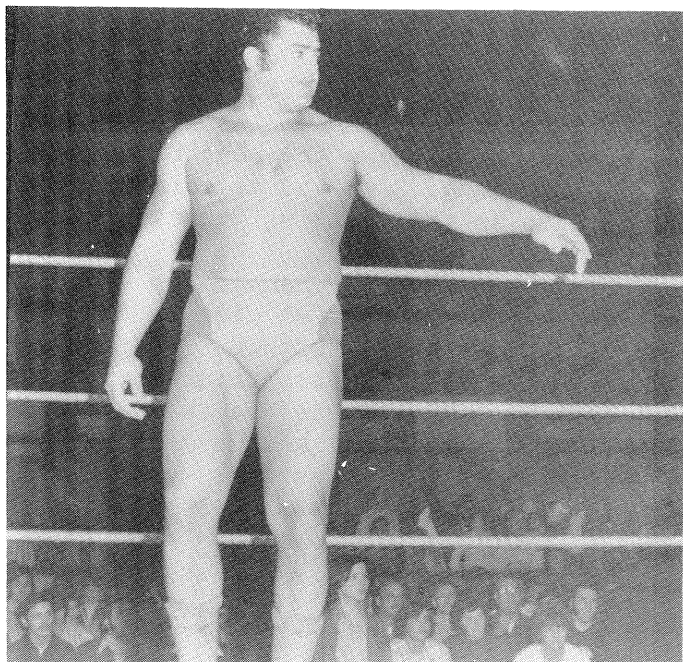
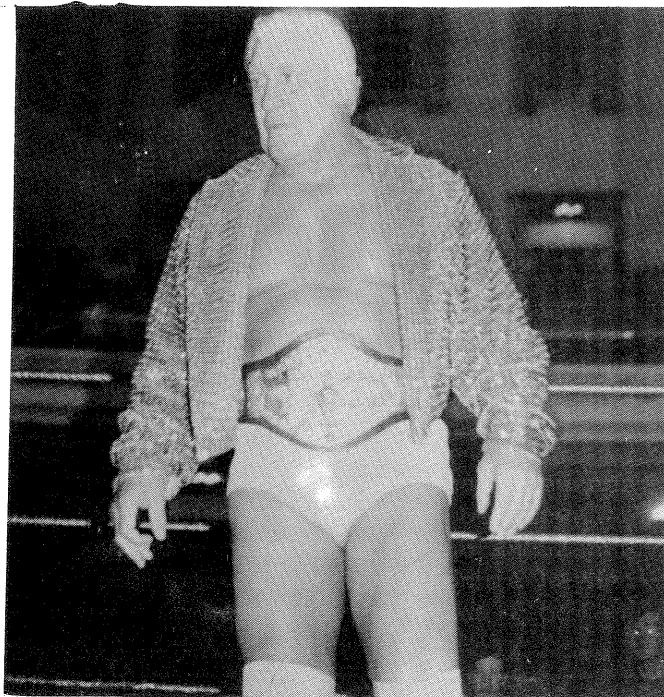
outside talent here, the two shows together attracted a combined total of more than 36,000. Besides a midget tag match, and Brisco vs Shane, Grand Prix stars Edouard Carpentier and Killer Kowalski wrestled. These two nationally known legends fought to a rousing 20 minute draw, as Carpentier broke out of Kowalski's claw and threw him out of the ring at the expiration of the time limit.

The most popular of all legends, Bruno Sammartino, was back in beantown, bloodying up manager Lou Albano and kangaroo flipping his protege, Lonnie Mayne, over the top rope, to the arena floor where he was counted out.

Professor Tanaka & Mr. Fuji continue to be acclaimed as the WWWF tag team champions, but they seldom appeared recently in title tag matches, but rather the unconventional 6-man tag affairs. Buddy Wolfe, more often than not, has been the third man on their side in going against different combinations from the following 4: Sonny King, Tony Garea, Jay Strongbow & Gorilla Monsoon. . . Garea & Pedro Morales got a title match but it ended in a non-resolved No Contest. . . Besides Curtis Iaukea, Morales most recent challengers have been Lonnie Mayne and Buddy Wolfe who both have lost matches because they were bleeding too badly to continue. . . King Curtis attacked Jay Strongbow before their match got under way and ripped the Chief's headdress to shreds. Strongbow went on the warpath, tearing the bells off his moccasins



and using them to bloody up Iaukea. He was so wild that it took the ref and several wrestlers to calm him down after his disqualification. . . Strongbow & Pedro fought Iaukea & Mayne in a wild tag match that saw all 4 in the ring much of the time. The popular area stars won in 2 straight, Mayne dqd. for choking Pedro, then Pedro pinning Curtis with a flying body press.



The Sheik recognized as the U.S. Champion in Detroit and NWA World Champion, Dory Funk Jr. were the big names in Detroit wrestling in February. . . Funk defended his title on the 10th at Cobo Hall against the Argentina Wildman - Pampero Firpo. Firpo, who once held the U.S. belt, managed to even break Funk's specialty hold, the spinning toehold. Dory managed to apply it again while Pampero was out on the ring apron. He then grabbed his claw hold on the champ and forced Funk to again release the submission hold. However, Firpo was still out on the apron and had been counted out by the referee.

Also on the Fe. 10, Cobo card, the Sheik defended his title against the great Johnny Valentine. The crowd roared its approval when the Sheik's sneak attack backfired and he was sent reeling under a barrage of JV brainbusters. Then the crowd's reaction changed to horror, as the Syrian madman threw fire into Valentine's face. Since the bout was designated as a Death Match, the referee had no choice but consider the move as legal and count Johnny out as he writhed in pain on the mat. Not content to win using the most underhanded of tactics, the Sheik again threw fire into Valentine's face.

On the following Detroit card, Feb. 24, the Sheik and Funk were matched, with the winner to be awarded both championships. The Sheik, accompanied by Eddie Creatchman, pounded on Dory Jr. with the U.S. belt and would not allow him to enter the ring. As a result the world champ began the bout bleeding. Before long, Funk was able to start a gash in the Sheik's forehead, that had him bleeding too. Funk proved he is a brilliant champion by escaping the Sheik's camel clutch, tossing him into the referee. Before long their brawling carried them out onto the floor where the Sheik picked up the ring bell and used it as a weapon. Both wrestlers were thus counted out and disqualified.

wire-wervice sports release because she is the largest woman wrestler at close to 400 pounds, was defeated by 127 lb. veteran gal grappler, Lucille Dupree, because Heather was stunned when Lucille rolled out of the way of Heather's big splash. Heather discovered by Lou Klein, comes from a Detroit suburb. . . One of the Detroit preliminary wrestlers is the Medic. Chicago area fans would recognize him as Johnny Carr, who wrestled in the early 1960's as the Green Giant.

The German tag team of Kurt von Hess & Karl von Shotz, went to consecutive 15 minute tag team draws on Feb. 4 & 11, in Tornonto. They were lucky to escape without losses as Bulldog Brower & Haystacks Calhoun completely dominated them, then the Polish strongman, teamed with Sweet Daddy Siki, almost beat them. . . That's the trouble with tag matches in Toronto, noted for their many bouts, is the too short time limits. Four of the six tag matches on the Mar. 4 card, ended in draws. . .

It was an interesting Toronto pairing when Butcher Vachon met Sweet Daddy Siki. It was Vachon's size and such illegal methods as kicking, biting and punching versus the speed and agility of Siki, who relied mainly on flying dropkicks and his headbutts. The bout ended when Vachon was disqualified for refusing to heed several requests by the ref to break on the ropes. . . Brother Mad Dog had more success, as he defeated Gino Brito.

The Sheik had 3 exciting matches in Toronto and his unbeaten string continues. Chief Jay Strongbow came closest to defeating him, but was disqualified for hitting the Sheik with the ring microphone and choking him with the cord. . . Using his pencil to make Tony Marino bleed badly, the Sheik won when it became obvious to the referee that Marino, punching wildly and not seeming to know where he was at, could not continue. . . The Sheik also had a brutal bout with Tiger Jeet Singh, called an Indian survival match. The rules called for the winner to be able to leave the area of the ring while his opponent was still on the mat. Several times it looked like the Sheik was a

beaten man but he could not be kept down. Thrown out of the ring, the Sheik returned to be kicked to the mat. Singh jumped out of the ring, grabbed a chair and tossed it on top of the fallen Arab. Thinking he was unconscious, Tiger Jeet assumed he could walk away from the ring area and be proclaimed the winner, however, the Sheik got to his feet again, raced up from behind and used the chair to crack him over the head. Thus with Singh lying unconscious on the floor, the Sheik exited to become the winner of this brutal contest.

NATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATION

The NWF is striving to become as competitive and successful alliance to the NWA, as is the AWA and WWWF. So far such recognition from wrestling authorities and acceptance by the fans shown by large attendance, has not been forthcoming. On the surface, it is hard to understand when the NWF has presented such matches as Firpo vs Valentine, Firpo vs Brazil, Powers vs Firpo, Powers vs Waldo von Erich, and Powers vs the Sheik. It is the opinion of IWD however, that fans are becoming turned off to such potentially great bouts because nothing is ever proved or settled. In the case of all the aforementioned, the matches ended in no contests.

Then there are the disqualifications. How would you like to see Firpo vs Igor, Brazil vs Sheik, Sheik vs Jacques Rougeau, Powers vs Schmidt, Psycho vs Schmidt, Brazil vs Malenko, Brower vs Powers, Powers vs Waldo von Erich? Great -- but not if in each case the first name wins over the other via disqualification. Fans don't like to leave without seeing an ending, and that is virtually what happens on all too many occasions. NWF officials should actively discourage such unsatisfactory endings rather than encourage them. Granted, some of these matmen are hard to control but too often abusing the referee or refusing to heed his enforcement of the rules has become an easy way out.

Johnny Powers regained the NWF

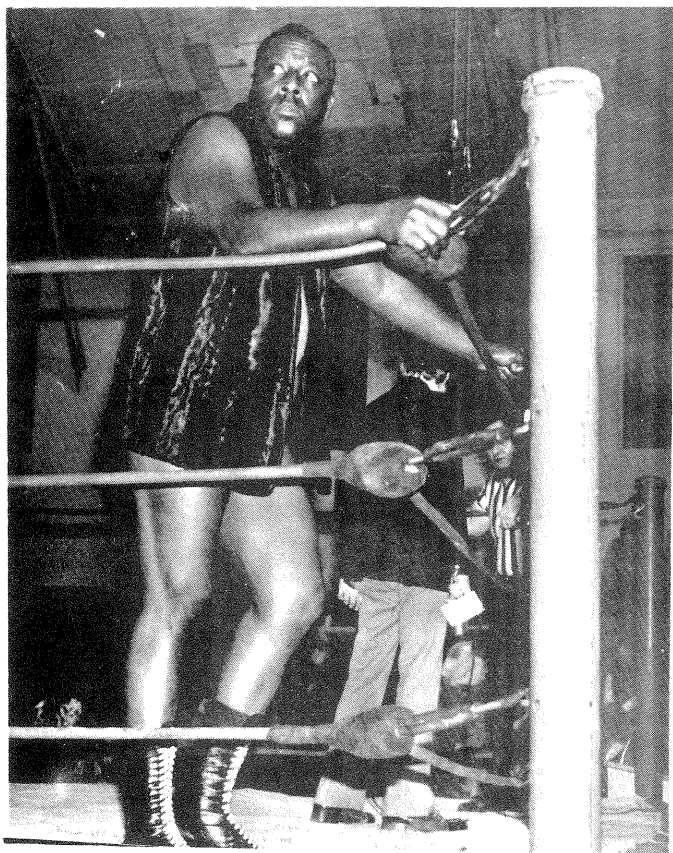
North American title from Killer Karl von Krupp. . . Powers did not hold the title for long, losing it to former preliminary wrestler, Eric the Red. Always having the necessary size to succeed, Eric the Animal's new found success is based on his new manager, Tony Angelo, who formerly managed the Mongols. Angelo has remade Eric in their image, wearing a coat of black fur and carrying a large bone. In the heat of the match, Tony passes the bone back to Eric, who slugs his opponent with it, setting up an easy pin. . . Angelo put on his wrestling tights to team with his protege against Haystacks Calhoun & Powers. One fall bout ended when Eric was pinned by the 621 pounder.

The Love brothers, accompanied by manager Bruce Swayze, won a one-night tag tournament beat Don Serrano & Chief White Owl and Jacques & Raymond Rougeau. The Rougeaus got by the Castillo, Raoul & Fidel in the first round.

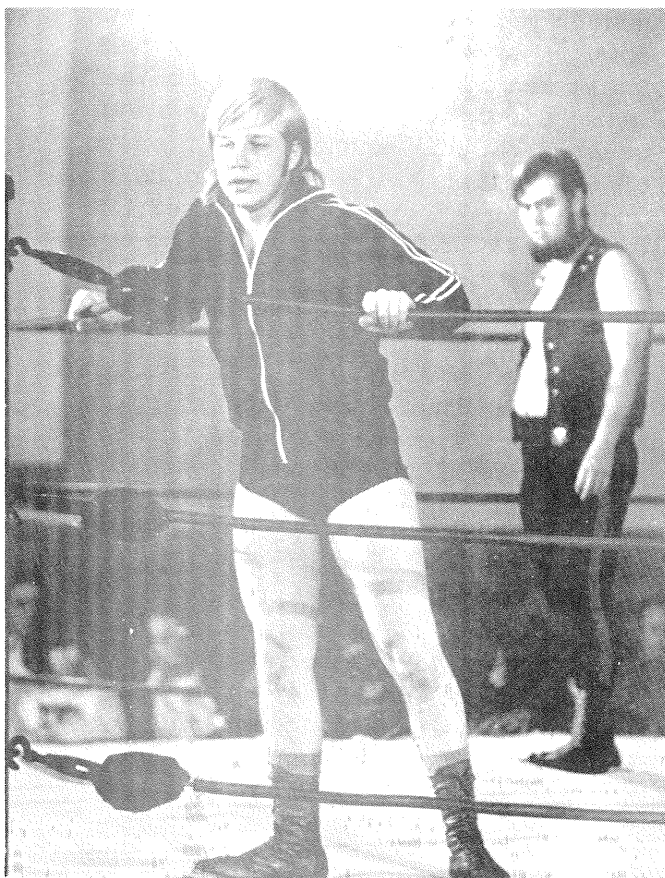
Don Serrano continues to impress. He teamed with Eric the Red against the Castillos and soon found that Eric would not help him. Serrano held the Cubans to a 30 minute draw, then knocked them and Eric all over the ring when they tried ganging up on him afterwards. . . Serrano then went to a no contest with Eric, both disqualified for being counted out of the ring. Serrano winning outside the ring by using the microphone cord and a chair.

Johnny Powers beat Eric the Animal on a count-out after dropkicking him out of the ring, but could not win the title on such a decision. . . Powers won a loser-leave-town match from Waldo von Erich who was counted out. . . Both Powers and Jacques Rougeau, in matches with the Sheik, took away his pencil and did more bloody damage with it than the Syrian Assassin prior to disqualification.

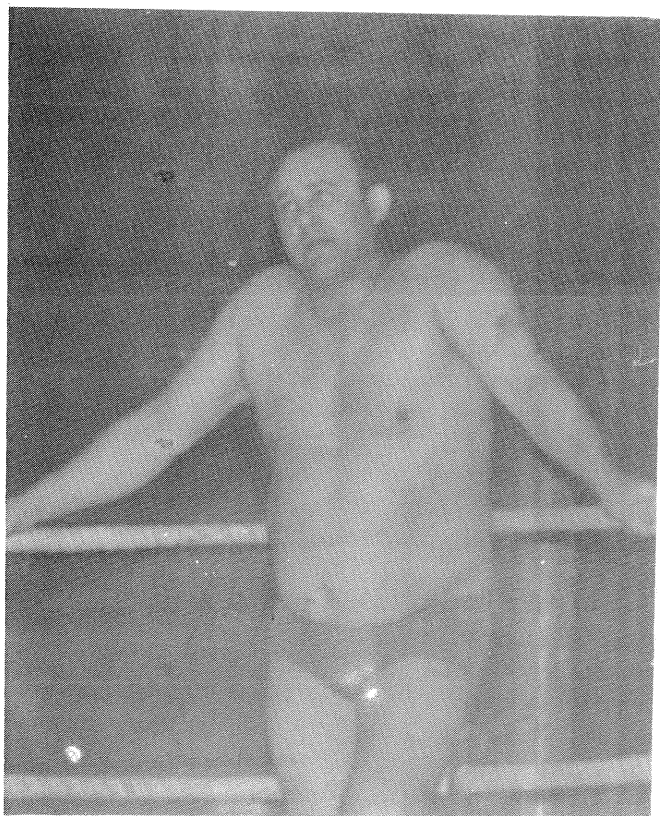
Haystacks Calhoun won a 10-man battle royal in Cleveland, tossing out Bruce Swayze & Kabooki as his final two opponents. Others involved were Malenko, Graham, McKenzie, Psycho, Serrano, Krupp, and Gauthier. . . In a wild bout that saw Calhoun use his horseshoe after Firpo used a foreign object, Firpo put his claw hold on outside the ring, then released it to beat the count back inside.



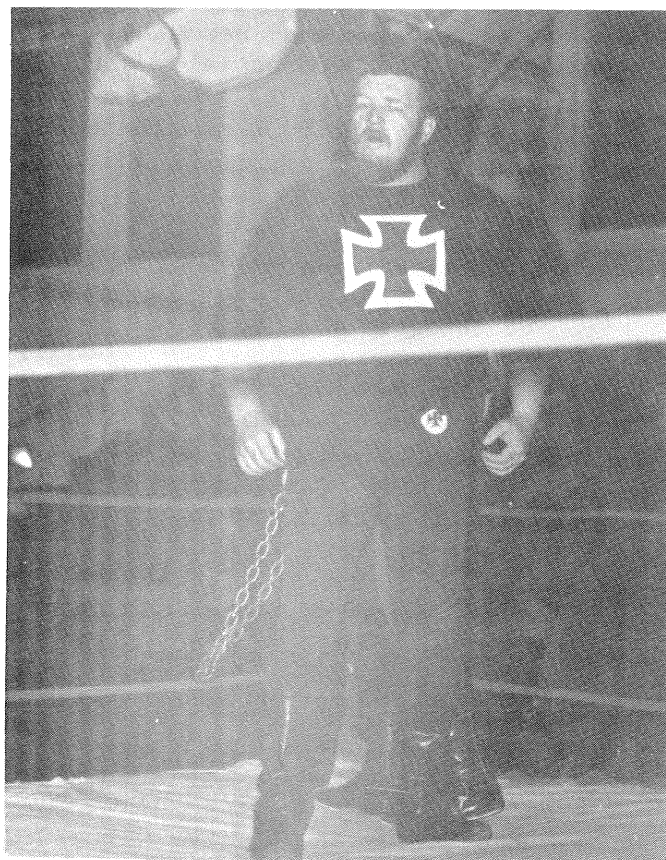
TINY TIM HAMPTON



STEVE DALTON



JOHNNY GILBERT



KURT VON STROHEIM

Wrestling fans in Beloit and Stoughton were treated to the main event they wanted to see when the popular midwest mat veteran, Johnny Gilbert faced the mysterious masked creature called the Ratman. Johnny managed to use his cobra twist to even up each match after losing the opening falls to the do-anything-to-win Ratman, who specializes in choking, gouging, kicking and using a nerve hold. When each bout ended, however, Ratman was the winner, pinning Gilbert after hitting him with a concealed foreign object. The highlight of their Stoughton match was when Ratman jumped out of the ring but couldn't escape from Johnny who came out right after him. Ratman sought sanctuary by running up into the bleachers, but Gilbert caught up with him in an empty section and bounced him down several rows of seats.

Two other wrestlers who will resort to any method to insure victory are Kurt von Stroheim and Killer Dick Jacks, who usually work as a doubly dangerous tag team. Red Ryan & Jose Bettencort combined talents in both Beloit & Stoughton trying to overcome the dastardly duo. Red & Jose worked well together, often coming to one another's aid and overpowering their foes and whipping them into one another when all 4 would enter at once. They also outsmarted them when Kurt whipped Bettencort toward the turnbuckle, only to have Red lie crossways on the corner ropes to prevent him from hitting the turnbuckle. Later Kurt tried to do the same thing when Jose changed directions, whipping Jacks into a different turnbuckle, then going over to Stroheim lying prone on the ropes, and punching him off. They took the 1st fall when Ryan held Stroheim in a fullnelson, then tagged Jose who jumped off the ropes with a flying body press as Red released Kurt. Jacks & Stroheim doubleteamed Ryan, pounding him and Kurt rubbing his beard in Red's eyes to set up Jacks' neckbreaker and camel clutch. The final fall saw the villains use a wrench at ringside to weaken their opponents by hitting them in the legs.

Bettencort was finally pinned after being worked over and given a double backbreaker. Ryan attempted to break up the deciding fall but was hobbling and wasn't in time. Ryan, then Jose was thrown out of the ring. . . It seemed as if their rematch in Stoughton would be different. Again Red & Jose dominated the first fall and won it when Bettencort cradled Jacks. But in the second fall the top rope broke in half as Red Ryan was whipped into it, and Red somersaulted to the floor, landing on his shoulders. Altho Ryan made it back into the ring, Kurt & Dick worked over his back and pinned him. Bettencort, virtually going alone in the third fall, also succumbed to the double-teaming. . . Tiny Tim Hampton received two chances against the Jacks-Stroheim team on TV tapings in Monroe; once with Countryboy Humphrey as his partner and the other time with Colonel Roger Peabody. In both cases, Tim's partner was savagely worked over and defeated. In the case of Peabody, he was hit over the head with a chair and was forced to leave for the dressing room, a bloody mess. Even so, Hampton's headbutts more than held their own until big Gene Gordon entered to make the odds 3 to 1. . . On the Feb. 10, Beloit card, Hampton fought Gordon to a wild no contest. . . Another big man who can more than hold his own with the "Black Power" Man is Will Hagen, who also ended up brawling with Gordon on a TV battle.

Young Steve Dalton continues to improve with experience. Steve lost out in a very exciting match with arrogant Pete Colt, when Colt pulled something from his boot and hit Dalton in the throat after Steve had secured him in an abdominal stretch. . . At Stoughton on Feb. 24, Dalton shot down Nature Boy Buddy Pearl, turning a body flip off the ropes into a surprising cradle. . . In scientific TB bouts, Steve went to a draw with Indian star, Billy Thundercloud and reversed Vic Eagles' shoulders to themat with a sunset flip in a very fast-paced bout.

Anyone in either the vicinity of Monroe or Racine who is interested in dates of future IWP bouts, should write to the editor's home address at 517 No. Second St. Rockford, Ill. 61107.

AWA

Bob Bruggers, who trained under AWA Champion Verne Gagne and other alliance notables, began wrestling in Florida. Bob played for the Miami Dolphins in 1966-68 (prior to their glory years) and was a teammate of Indian star, Wahoo McDaniel, who was instrumental in convincing Bruggers to get into professional wrestling. According to an article by Al Levine in the Miami News, McDaniel was also responsible for Bruggers most memorable experience as a Dolphin and reason for his departure. Together they were involved in an incident outside a Denver bar that saw Wahoo charged for destroying public property and fined \$78.50 while charges of drunkenness and resisting arrest were dropped. Bob was not charged, however, was also sprayed with mace, and eventually bailed McDaniel out. Despite being an innocent bystander, Bruggers was traded within 5 days of the incident, to San Diego. Bob was a line-backer for the Chargers until the end of 1971, then traded to the Cincinnati Bengals who released him last summer.

Wahoo McDaniel had a great match with Ivan Koloff. Koloff tried working on Wahoo's left arm but was in continual trouble from McDaniel's tomahawk chops and arm-drags. Wahoo lost the first fall, however, when in the process of throwing Koloff, Ivan's manager, the Big K tripped him causing Ivan to fall on top for the body press. In the second fall, K again interfered, and for this the referee banished him from ringside. Billy "Superstar" Graham apparently was sent to replace him, but by the time he arrived, Wahoo had evened up the bout with a rolling cradle. Of course, Graham jumped into the ring during the third fall when it looked like his dreaded enemy was going to pin the big Russian, and the result was a disqualification victory for McDaniel.

Dirty Dusty Rhodes & Dick Murdoch have been involved in a rather unpredictable series of bouts with Don Muraco and the English superstar,

Billy Robinson. Feb. 7 in Honolulu, the Texas Outlaws won by disqualification when Muraco began hitting Dusty with the timekeeper's table. Both Rhodes & Murdoch were bleeding heavily by that time. . . . A week later, Muraco again let his temper get the best of him in Rockford, after undergoing quite a bit of rough and underhanded treatment. Don had been the victim of many elbow drops and double-teaming to lose the second fall and he got a measure of revenge with a kneedrop off the top rope on Murdoch, which, of course, immediately brought about an automatic dq. . . . In Omaha, Muraco & Robinson won, with Don securing the final fall, using an abdominal stretch on Dusty. . . . In Denver it was Rhodes & Murdoch who were victorious. . . . In 6-man tag action, Rhodes, Murdoch & Larry Hennig dropped matches to Robinson & Muraco on two occasions. Once with Wahoo as the third man and the other time with Olympic weight lifter, Ken Patera, as their partner. . . . Muraco & Robinson also met Nick Bockwinkel & Ray Stevens in several matches, but with less success, as they could not defeat the AWA Champions.

Milwaukee fans thought Cowboy Bill Watts was robbed in his Feb. 10 bout with Superstar Graham. Watts not only outwrestled Graham but broke out of his fullnelson, yet Graham was not able to duplicate the feat and was forced to get to the ropes to have the hold broken. Watts seemingly had the bout won when he gave Graham his Oklahoma Stampede and covered him with a body press. With the ring announcer coming in to announce the result, the referee decided the match should continue as Graham put his leg under the rope. Watts, thinking he had won, and with his back turned, was an easy target for Graham's kneedive in the back and a quick pin. . . . Graham was also lucky to defeat Don Muraco, who was able to bounce back from Superstar's knees and elbow smashes and fight fire with fire with savage kicks and punches of his own. The tempestuous Hawaiian finally caught the Superstar in an abdominal stretch, but Graham was just too strong to hold in it. and in breaking free, both wrestlers fell thru the ropes and

out onto the floor. Graham out-scrampered the count and Muraco back into the ring to be declared the winner. . . Billy Graham won a 10-man battle royal in Grand Forks, N.D. Graham tossed out young Kosrow Aziri and with help from Ivan Koloff eliminated Rick Flair and Jim Brunzell. Flair surprised the fans by dumping out Nick Bockwinkel number 3. Larry Hennig & Rene Goulet were also involved. The last two to be eliminated were Koloff and Reggie Parks who wrestled each other over the top rope.

Rene Goulet who has been a rather rowdy and arrogant wrestler since returning to the midwest last year, has been taking them all on. The villains as well as the good guys. Rene looked good in losing efforts against the likes of Ivan Koloff, Billy Graham and Nick Bockwinkel. Rene who usually wrestles in 20 minute preliminaries, usually is good enough to at least hold his opponent to a draw, as in the cases with Rick Flair, Vic Rositanni, and Reggie Parks. Rene lost bouts to Parks & Muraco, and won matches vs Flair, Jim Brunzell, and a big upset over George Scott.

Green Bay has been the scene of some extra - special main events. On Feb. 4, Crusher & Bruiser went to a wild no contest with Rhodes & Murdoch. A month later, Dusty & Dick were upset by the unique combination of Ken Patera & Wahoo McDaniel. Verne Gagne was also on the Mar. 4 card against Superstar Graham. This AWA title bout ended with Gagne's title preserved, when Verne was disqualified for throwing the Superstar over the top rope.

The Crusher won a one-fall match from Nick Bockwinkel. Nick untied the padding on the turnbuckle and maneuvered the Milwaukee brawler into the corner and rubbed it in Crusher's eyes. Crusher managed to take it away from Nick and used it until the referee made him relinquish it. Crusher pinned Bockwinkel after kneeling him and propping his feet on the ropes for leverage.

WWA

Bruiser & Crusher lost their WWA tag team title to Ernie Ladd & Baron von Raschke (who also owns the heavyweight title). When these two teams met in Indianapolis, Ladd took a terrible beating from his two opponents, then succumbed to Bruiser's claw hold. Bobby Heenan helped Raschke & Ladd work over Bruiser, with Ladd's thumb jabs taking their toll to even up the bout. Heenan and his other protegee, Jimmy Valiant, kept entering the ring to distract Bruiser & Crusher who dominated the fall. Then with Bruiser ramming Ladd's head into the timekeeper's table, Valiant & Heenan entered to help the Baron overpower Crusher, with Valiant hitting him over the head to set up the pin.

Dick the Bruiser also met Ernie Ladd in some singles encounters. Bruiser won one on a disqualification, when Ernie manhandled the ref by throwing Dick into him, hitting him and kicking him. Bruiser then went wild and pounded Ladd into a bloody mess. . . In a no disqualification bout, the match ended in an unusual draw, resulting from their struggle over the timekeeper's table. As they struggled, they ended up hitting each other, knocking them out, so that they were both counted out. . . Cowboy Bob Ellis won by disqualification in a match with Bobby Heenan, because of the interferences of von Raschke & Valiant.

Tom Lynch, usually a loser in prelim matches, defeated manager Mark Manson by jumping over the charging long-hair in the corner and catching him in a reverse rolling cradel. Clem Turner also beat Manson. Mark's Japanese tag team of Mitsu Arakawa & Igo Hamaguchi were more successful, usually by tossing salt into their opponents' eyes and won against Bold Eagle & Cholak, Bold Eagle & Red Cloud, Turner & Pullins, and Ellis & Cholak.

The BlackJacks lost single matches to Wilbur Snyder and Cowboy Ellis. Ellis' victory over Mulligan came after Heenan tried interfering with a leap off the ropes and accidentally hit Mulligan. . . Billy Goelz' return to wrestling was marred by losses to old-time rivals, Nicoli Volkoff and Johnny Kace.

FEBRUARY 9 - INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATRE - CHICAGO

1. BlackJack Lanza pinned Jim Brunzell after Jim missed a dropkick.

2. Rene Goulet vs Reggie Parks:

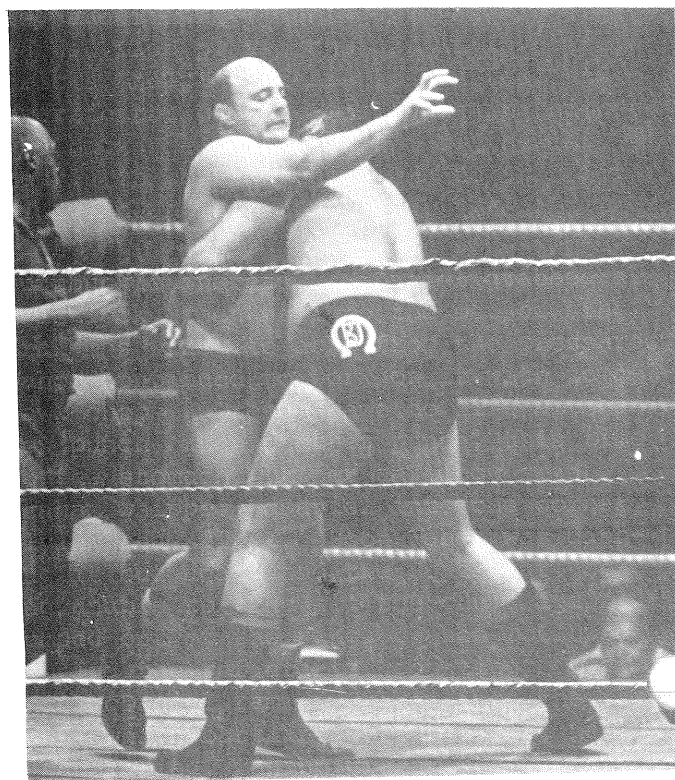
Rene started out punching Parks but they landed on Reggie's iron stomach and had no effect. Parks came back with a rapid-fire series of bodyslams, then was whipped into the turnbuckle and caught in Goulet's chinlock. Rene released the hold to whip Reggie into the turnbuckle again but when he tried following it up, Reggie kicked him in the stomach, causing him to flee from the ring. Rene took some punches to the head and a knee = lift that sent him flying then began begging for mercy. With his attention diverted, Parks was tripped up, but soon had Goulet in a scissors and was giving him the rocking chair maneuver. Rene managed to twist around and punch free, then resort to another whip into the turnbuckle. He tried to follow it up with a dropkick, but Reg sidestepped it and Goulet ended up hanging up-side-down from the turnbuckle. Much to the delight of the crowd, Parks pounded away until Goulet was knocked to the mat. Rene narrowly kicked free from 2 attempted body presses, then caught Parks in a neat backslide that was about a 5-count, but the ref was also taken by surprise and out of position to count, and by the time he finally counted to 2, Parks maneuvered off the mat. Then Rene twice broke free from Parks' attempt to win with an abdominal stretch. Reggie then put him in an airplane spin but just at that moment the bell rang, signifying the bout had ended in a 20 minute draw.

3. Wahoo McDaniel vs Billy Graham:

The bout started with McDaniel giving the Superstar a tomahawk chop that sent him tumbling across the ring. He then scurried to the safety outside the ring. When he re-entered, they locked knuckles and Wahoo kicked him to take the advantage. Graham bodyblocked McDaniel but when he tried it again, Wahoo fell to the mat, then got up in time to catch him bounding off the other side with a chop to the throat. After some more chops, Wahoo started to whip Graham into the turnbuckle instead. The advantage didn't last as he then tried a bodyblock, but Wahoo dodged out of the way, causing Graham to hit the

turnbuckle instead. McDaniel grabbed a wristlock, then fell to the mat causing Graham's wrist to ache from the pressure. Wahoo continued to work on it with tomahawk chops. Graham came to life with a low punch, then another punch, this time to the stomach. After an elbow smash, Graham whipped McDaniel into the corner, flying head first. Soon Wahoo was dish-ing it out again and the Superstar, being unable to take all the chops again, jumped out of the ring. Wahoo followed him and the ref started counting, but when McDaniel rammed Graham into the ring-post, while battling on the floor, he was disqualified, making Graham the winner.

4. Lord Blears landed a couple of hard punches after getting the momentum coming off the ropes and also made a neat backward kick into Ernie Ladd's midsection, but for the most part, Blears was on the receiving end of Ladd's thumb jabs, choking and rams into the turnbuckle, and finally pinning him at 7:45. Afterwards, Ladd played one of his favorite tricks, helping Blears to his feet and over to the corner, while patting him on the back, he then sent him to the mat, nearly in convulsions, when he then hit him with another thumb jab.



Mulligan's bearhug has Gagne in trouble--

5. Verne Gagne vs BlackJack Mulligan:

Gagne started out in his usual fashion of dodging & slapping until; Mulligan was so mad all he could do was charge, each time being taken down by a legtrip. Gagne tried a fullnelson which Mulligan broke. Gagne again grabbed the fullnelson, Mulligan broke it again, only this time Verne was ready, and pulled his legs out from under him. Finally Mulligan got going with punches and put Verne in a bearhug. Verne escaped from a couple bearhugs, then slipped away from him and applied his sleeper. It was not enough however, as BlackJack backed him hard into the turnbuckle, causing him to break the hold. Mulligan then pounded, kneed and choked Gagne as he lay in the corner and was finally disqualified by one of the AWA's more sympathetic referees. Verne made it two straight, pinning Mulligan in the second fall, after a kneedrop. Verne was on the offensive with a dropkick that sent BlackJack sailing out of the ring, a flip that brought him back in, now setting up another dropkick, however, Bobby Heenan managed to grab Mulligan, causing Verne to miss. Mulligan went for an elbow drop, but Verne rolled out of the way, which set up Gagne's second fall body press.

6. Billy Robinson & Wilbur Snyder vs Dusty Rhodes & Dick Murdoch:

1) Robinson was doing great until the blonde outlaws doubleteamed him. He finally escaped and tagged Snyder who whipped Murdoch into Rhodes, sent both of them to the mat with flying head scissors, then put his abdominal stretch on Rhodes as Robinson prevented Murdoch's interference. . 2) Rhodes & Murdoch interfered in each other's behalf, finally double teamed Robinson, with Rhodes pinning the English star following an elbow drop. . . 3) Snyder caught Murdoch in another abdominal stretch but Rhodes leaped off the top rope with an elbow drop on Snyder's skull, setting up Murdoch's pin, while the ref was insisting Robinson should not get into the ring.

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ILLUSTRATED WRESTLING DIGEST

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1. Rene Goulet vs Jim Brunzell: Rene

Pounded the inexperienced rookie to the mat, then missed a flying body press, that enabled Jim to grab a headlock, revolving it up-and-down -- a maneuver he repeated several times during the match. When Goulet got loose he threw Brunzell into the corner where he hung up-side-down. The ref finally came to his aid, driving Goulet (who had been kicking him) back and untangling him. Goulet went to work, choking and gouging. An angry Brunzell came back doing some punching and kicking himself, then whipped Rene into the ropes and dropkicked him as he came off. Goulet went out of the ring, returning only to have Jim continue on the offensive until he missed a body-block, as Goulet dodged, and hit the turnbuckle full force. Rene quickly hopped up on the second rope, came off with a knee across the chest of the prone Brunzell, then pinned him.

2. Ivan Koloff vs Vic Rositanni: Vic

resorted to many armlocks, with Ivan getting to the ropes usually to force the break. The first time Rositanni grabbed the armlock, Koloff neatly somersaulted over and reached the ropes. Besides the armlocks, Vic also used bodyflips after whipping Koloff into the ropes. He was faced with the usual Koloff offensive of kicks, punches, and being strangled with Ivan's tunic. When Ivan made it to the ropes one time, the frustrated Rositanni grabbed ahold of Koloff's goatee and pulled him away. In retaliation, Ivan used his goatee to his advantage, rubbing it in Vic's eyes. Then back to his usual pounding and stomping. Koloff rammed Vic head first into the turnbuckle, Rositanni responded by doing the same thing to Ivan. A whip into the ropes, body flip and pin, then a dropkick and pin were attempted by Vic, but Ivan was just too big to hold down for the 3 count. Rositanni tried another whip to the ropes for a body flip, only this time Koloff was ready and when he came off, he kicked him, sending him sailing backwards across the ring to the mat. Koloff ran across the ring, leaping as he came down with a kneedrop across the throat and pin.

3. Billy Robinson vs Reggie Parks: This

was a very exciting and fast-moving scientific struggle, with Robinson coming

close to winning several times with moves that resulted in cradles only to have Parks' body go into the ropes. At the start Billy took Parks down with a backslide but Reggie was just too powerful to hold. A forceful bodyslam by Parks made Robinson mad and he responded with a savage back-breaker that might have meant victory had not Reggie's legs gone into the ropes. Robinson picked up Parks for a bodyslam, but Reggie shifted his weight and Billy put him down, straining his back some. Parks concentrated on Billy's back then with a bodyslam and bearhug, then seemed to have Robinson with a somersaulting pin, but at the count of 2, showing fantastic body control, Billy flipped back for what seemed like a winning pin, but the ref seemed oblivious to the situation and Robinson couldn't hold it all night. Billy came off the ropes with a bodyblock, then came off again only to be grabbed and bodyslammed by Reggie. Robinson got up immediately, took Parks down into a cradle, and this one in the center of the ring could not be escaped from, nor was Parks close enough to the ropes.

4. Ernie Ladd vs Cowboy Bob Ellis:

Ladd began working over Ellis at the outset with his taped thumb jabs to the throat but Ellis responded to the delight of the crowd with punches that knocked him to the mat, then stepped on his throat, turned his face toward the mat and slammed it into the canvas. Soon, however, the dangerous Ladd was again using his taped thumb with one jab delivered with such force that it knocked Ellis thru the ropes out onto the floor. Cowboy Bob had trouble getting back in the ring but when he did, he whipped Ernie into the ropes and gave him a jolting back body drop. Ellis covered him for the pin, but Ladd's long legs reached into the ropes. Bob stomped at Ernie, then applied a headscissors which he held for some time, repeatedly moving him forward & backward, up & down. The ref kept counting the exhausted Ladd's shoulders downhand and he would have to summon more energy to roll his shoulders at the count of 2. From the scissors hold, Ellis made

the mistake of turning it into an arm-stretcher, from which Ladd finally was able to give him a thumb jab and get free. Ellis stayed with it and re-applied it but this time Ernie was able to get to the ropes. Ladd went back to using his thumb jab, then choking, diverting the ref's attention by pulling trunks so that the ref didn't notice his hand around Bob's throat. For the next few minutes it was Ellis ramming Ladd's head into the turnbuckle, punching and giving bulldog headlocks and Ladd kicking and jabbing. Ellis finally stepped on Ernie's thumb, rammed it into the turnbuckle and applied another bulldog headlock. Ladd again kicked free at the count of 2, and it was Ellis' last chance to win as the bell rang a few moments later, signifying the end of the 20:00 time limit. It was declared a draw.

5. Ken Patera vs "Superstar" Graham:

The Olympic weightlifter just about had Graham's arm down in the arm-wrestling event, prior to the start of the match, but as usual Graham resorted to skullduggery to make sure he did not lose. He gouged Ken in the eyes, forcing him to break his grip and get up from the table. Ivan Koloff, who was "officiating" this contest, saw nothing illegal with this action, and disqualified Patera for getting up from the table. . . . Graham spent much of the match also gouging, especially when caught in Patera's bearhug. Billy used elbows to weaken Patera and apply a full nelson, but Ken was able to slip it and reverse it. Graham was not so successful and Patera held it for some time before Graham was finally able to worm his way over to the ropes. The bout ended when Graham threw Patera out of the ring. Ken hopped back on the apron and caught Billy in a bearhug he couldn't get out of. Naturally tho, the ref counted Patera out as he held the bearhug while standing on the apron. The match was awarded to Graham who was lying on the mat like a ragdoll, when Patera finally released his hold.

6. Bruiser & Crusher vs Dusty Rhodes & Dick Murdoch:

This match was made into a one fall contest since it was 10:55 when it began. As soon as Bruiser & Crusher came into the ring they started working over the blond Texas outlaws. As expected, both sides kicked, punched and double-teamed, with Bruiser & Crusher



Dusty Rhodes works over Bruiser



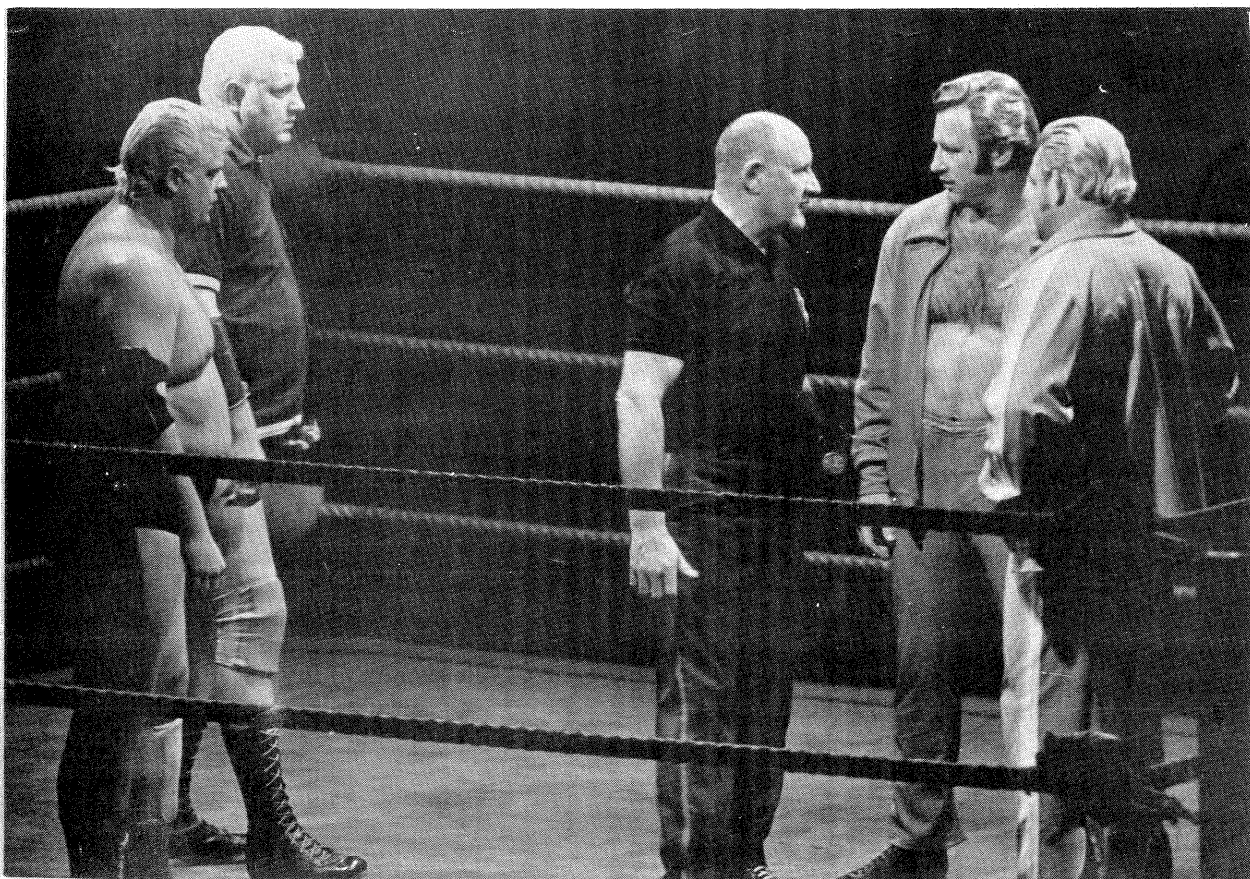
The result of Bruiser's wrath: A Bloody and Beaten Dusty Rhodes

dominating the match. Bruiser's pounding finally opened a cut on Murdoch. Dusty came in and Bruiser rammed him into 2 ringposts and he was bleeding as badly as his partner. Bruiser & Crusher then whipped them into one another, then Bruiser took Rhodes out of the ring and used a chair on him while Crusher worked Murdoch over, outside on the other side of the Amphitheatre floor. For this Bruiser & Crusher were disqualified, but when they raised their bloodied hands into the air in sign of triumph, the crowd's reaction seemed to indicate they had won the approval of the fans with their brutal actions.

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The following night (March 10) Rhodes & Murdoch took on Nick Bockwinkel & Ray Stevens and this time they were the favorites of most of the crowd, who wanted to see the arrogant AWA tag champs dethroned. Dusty was the real hero, swinging his hips, interfering, grabbing Nick when he mistakenly moved too far toward Dusty. The tag champions did an excellent job of double-teaming and slaughtering Murdoch in the first fall, but he finally

tagged Rhodes who came in, elbow smashed both opponents, tossed them thru the ropes, then pinned Stevens after some more elbow smashes, and his exciting stutter-step elbow drop. . . The second fall saw Rhodes' cut from the previous night, opened up. Murdoch gave Stevens a suplex and went for the winning pinfall, only to have Bockwinkel interfere. After much exhaustive action, Nick Finally pinned Murdoch, following a dropkick. . . In the third fall, Murdoch's forehead was again opened up and the gash spurt forth more blood, especially after Nick bit it. Dirty Dick punched Nick to the mat, threw Stevens out of the ring, and tagged Rhodes who gave Bockwinkel an elbow drop and went for the pin, only to have Ray interfere. Dick came off the ropes with a jolting punch and again Stevens interfered. Nick tagged and Murdoch worked over Stevens as Dick continued to bleed. Stevens had to summon up all his power to prevent pins at the count of 2, after an atomic drop and after a drop off the second rope. Nick seeing his partner's predicament, came in to save the title as Murdoch applied a cobra twist. Murdoch was becoming tired from all his fighting & bleeding and fell before some double-teaming. Dick was



The AWA's 2 roughest tag teams - Rhodes & Murdoch and Bockwinkel & Stevens. . . . Looking like Choir Boys as they listen to Referee's pre-bout instructions.

whipped into the ropes, given a double flip as he came off and this time it was Rhodes who prevented the pinfall. Stevens grabbed Rhodes and rammed him into the ringpost, Rhodes fell to the gym floor motionless. Murdoch looked all but beaten, but as he came off the ropes from being whipped, he kicked Ray hard in the stomach, but Stevens was able to tag Bockwinkel. Murdoch stormed after Nick and when Ray came back in, so did Dusty, who finally shook the cobwebs out. The match became a real brawl, then as Murdoch whipped Stevens into the ropes, he sent him a little too hard, and Ray catapulted over the top rope and out of the ring. The referee enforced the automatic disqualification ruling, making Nick & Ray the winners of the bout, with a successful defense of their AWA tag team belts.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR WRESTLING FANS

David Meltzer, 6562 Winterset Way, San Jose, Calif. 95120 has a fan club bulletin called California Wrestling Report. Per copy issue is 30¢ or \$3 a year. His in depth look at Calif. and thorough current coverage from around the country, makes me recommend it as the best. David is also selling photos of area wrestlers. David's contributions to IWD are vital to our success and I urge all who have not seen his bulletin to send away for a copy.

Charles E. Stein is attempting to compile the most thorough poll on wrestling ever. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to him at 375 Cicotte, Ecorse, Mich. 48229, and he will send you a ballot, so that you can add your opinions in the 53 different categories. Poll closes on August 1.

Lee Applebaum's wrestling game has been bought by many satisfied customers. Game has dice & wrestler cards of your choice. Try 10-40¢, 15-55¢, 25-85¢, 50-\$1.70, 75-\$2.35, 100-\$3. Send to 24 Maryland Ave., Pikesville, Maryland 21208.

Another person who has done much to help IWD is Ron Weeks, 8648 Keystone Drive, Omaha, Neb. 68134. Ron is selling photos he has taken, enlarged to 8x10 for 50¢. . . Photo collectors who would like pictures taken in Japan, contact: Tetsuro Masuko, 233 Nakawakura, Matsudo-City- Chiba, 270, Japan.

Duane Ratchford, who is 15 and hopes to someday become a professional wrestler, is looking for pen pals. His address is: Rt. 5 Box 85, Marshall, Arkansas, 72650.

Stuart Saks, 14 Mitchell Ave. Plainview, N.Y. 11803 sells his Wrestling Results bulletin for 4-¢, 3 months for \$1.15 or 6 months for \$2.30. If you enjoy reading the details of various wrestling cards, bout by bout, you will find this an excellent publication. (Approx. 16 pp.)

Corey Meyer, 1335 Fargo, Chicago, Ill. 60626, is turning his Wrestling Roundup publication into a fan club. Dues will be \$4.50 for professionally printed bulletins from 10-25 pp. and 2-3½x5 photos. . . Another good bulletin based in Chicago is Mat Report put out by Jeff Cooper, 2145 W. Arthur, Chicago, Ill. 60645. 35¢ or 3-\$1 for these bi-monthly news & results issues with outspoken editorials.

Jay Steele, 113 Bonvue St. Pittsburgh, Pa. 15214 wants it known that his bi-monthly mat results sells for 30¢ a copy, 3 for \$1.00, or 6 for \$1.50.

An attractive silver & white pen with the image of a wrestler applying a backbreaker and the words "Wrestling-King of Sports" in black, and comfortable to write with can be yours by sending 50¢ to Darrell Bruff, 917 N. Morgan, Union City, Tenn. 38261. Include self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Two top regional bulletins that continue to get even better are Texas Wrestling-Best in the West (sample 35¢) 6348 Fisher Rd. Apt. 149, Dallas, Tex. 75214. . . and Vancouver Wrestling Scene, 2157 W. 57th Ave., Vancouver 14, British Columbia, Canada (Sample 50¢)

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"TIDBITS FROM THE FIFTIES"

REMINISCING by Jeffrey Siegel

CAPTAIN LESLIE HOLMES. . . Was the number one "good-guy" manager of long ago. Serving as guide, advisor and manager to Lord James Blears, Holmes donned a royal sailor's cap. Blears really did not need a manager as his distinctive style of wrestling was trademark enough but it did help the Englishman to earn international recognition and championship here or there.

TONY LANZA . . . not to be confused with the "BlackJack" of this era, was billed as the "Sing Wrestler from Montreal", during the fifties. He possessed an eye-catching physique and upon entering the ring, would "bless" the fans with a bit of vocalizing. The multi-talented Lanza was also a master of jui jitsu, a pretty good boxer and an exceptional photographer.

THE THING. . . Was one of the weirdest matmen wrestling has or will ever have. This huge grappler appeared with bright red hair, a sparkling pink beard and a jet black hairy chest. Not only did he look like an oddball but continuously resorted to illegal and ferocious behavior to dispose of those unfortunate enough to face him.

BABE RUTH. . . earned a spot in the annals of wrestling, as he chose to referee a match or two in late 1951. He proved to be an excellent official quick to notice and break up the illegal moves. The Bambino was in the ring 65 minutes for the gruelling encounter between Steve Casey and Sandor Szabo before he could slap the mat 3 times, to declare Casey the winner.

JACK DEMPSEY. . . also did his share of guest refereeing and on some occasions became more of a participant than observer. Such was the case when two rowdy rivals, Bull Curry and Bull Montana met with Jack as the third man in the ring. Curry in particular, became disgusted with Dempsey's constant insistence to follow the rules and decided to take a poke at him. Jack retaliated with

one of his famous right hooks. Curry paid the price of his foolishness as he was k.o.'d and carried back to the dressing room by stretcher.

THE TERRIBLE TRIO. . . hit the mat world in late 1952 and bowled over all competition in 6-man tag matches. This threesome, with a combined weight of 800 lbs., consisted of Bob "Legs" Langevin, Arthur LeGrand, and the Black Devil. Promoters across the country were soon offering \$500 to any trinity who could defeat them, after they had polished off the Baillargeon family, the Lortle Brothers, and the Cortezes.

I HOPE THIS COLUMN brought back some pleasant memories to those who were fans in the 1950's and was of interest to those who do not recall that era. If anyone has comments or suggestions of any kind, write to me, Jeffrey Siegel, 95 Sedgwick Ave., Yonkers, New York, 10705.

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DOWN MEMORY LANE TO MOLINE, ILL.
DAVENPORT, IOWA, 1971 -Compiled by

Dave Marx

JANUARY - The Crusher headlined both shows, beating BlackJack Lanza twice; the first time causing him to bleed. . . Nick Bockwinkel was appearing in a rare spot, on the opening match, when he downed the popular and handsome Paul Diamond. . . Butcher Vachon bounced back from a loss to Hercules Cortez by upending Bullinski. . . Edouard Carpentier defeated Kobayashi.

FEBRUARY - The two main events this month saw Bullinski team up with Crusher to win bouts from Larry Hennig & Lars Anderson, (who had been winning singles matches) and Kobayashi & the Big K. . . It was a bad month for Paul Diamond, who not only dropped one to Kobayashi but was upset by Jack Pesek. . . Bockwinkel again opened a card and pinned Billy Red Cloud. . . Red Bastien had an easy time with the Big K on the first card, then won a singles match from Anderson on the second show while Lars' partner, Hennig was beaten by Hercules Cortez.

MARCH - Anderson lost to Cortez on the 8th via count-out, leaving in frustration for the dressing room. . . On the 22nd, Cortez & Bastien got a chance at the

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AWA tag champions, Mad Dog & Butcher Vachon, however, Butcher injured Red's leg, interfering with Bastien's try for a cobra twist on Mad Dog that would have meant the title in two straight falls. As it was, Red was pinned, then taken to the dressing room. Cortez wrestled alone and was disqualified for using a chair on Mad Dog. . . Lanza won matches against Bullinski and Diamond.

APRIL - Its up & down for BlackJack Lanza who was bloodied & beaten by Hercules, then used his cobra clutch to defeat Red Cloud. . . Haystacks Calhoun made a rare appearance, teaming with Bullinski, but lost to Hennig & Anderson. Lars & Larry could not extend the streak, dropping a tag match to Bastien & Cortez.

MAY - Bullinski pinned Bockwinkel after an accidental collision involving the referee. . . Nick gained revenge on the following show. . . On the 19th Bobby Heenan showed up in wrestling trunks and beat Kenny Jay. . . Kobayashi beat Crusher.

JUNE - From Moline's Wharton Field House the scene shifted outside to the ballpark in Davenport and the Crusher won a death match from Kobayashi, using his bolo punch. . . Bobby Heenan wrestled again but this time found it wasn't so easy, paired against Bullinski, and he responded by getting counted out.

JULY - Hercules Cortez & Red Bastien appeared with the AWA tag belts won in Milwaukee in May. They beat Anderson & Hennig once and lost on a dq. when Cortez tossed his two antagonists over the top rope. It was the Spanish strongman's last Quad city appearance -- a tragic automobile accident marring the future. Four new faces came on the scene, English star Billy Robinson beating the Big K, east coast prelim Joe Turco, losing to Bullinski, and Don Muraco beating Jack Bence.

AUGUST - Anderson & Hennig took advantage of the leg injury Bastien suffered and were disqualified against Red and the man he chose to replace Cortez--The Crusher. . . Hans Schmidt made a rare appearance and found Rob-

inson just too good, as did Lanza on the other August card. Ray Stevens entered the scene and beat Bullinski and Bastien. . . Ladies came upon the scene for the first time as Vivian Vachon beat Kay Noble.

SEPTEMBER - Muraco drew with Anderson. . . Stevens continued his win streak at the expense of Billy Red Cloud. . . Robinson teamed with prelim man, Kenny Jay and they were disqualified against Bobby Heenan and BlackJack Lanza.

OCTOBER - The scene shifted back inside and to Moline. Muraco and Anderson again drew. The following show was also a draw but officially was won by Don as Lars boasted he would beat the youthful Hawaiian twice within the half hour. . . Robinson defeated Lanza in a special Death Match and Black Jack never returned. . . Bockwinkel & Stevens beat Crusher & Bull, then Bockwinkel was awarded a victory over Bastien when the redhead rammed his head into the ringpost. . . Vivian Vachon returned to beat Pat Davis. . . Seaman Art Thomas crushed Jack Bence.

NOVEMBER - Larry Hennig used his loaded kneepad to down Muraco. . . Heenan used brassknuckles to no avail, on debuting Ivan Koloff, of all people, who chased Bobby from the ring. . . Crusher & Bastien beat Bockwinkel & Stevens, then Crusher beat Stevens in a single bout.

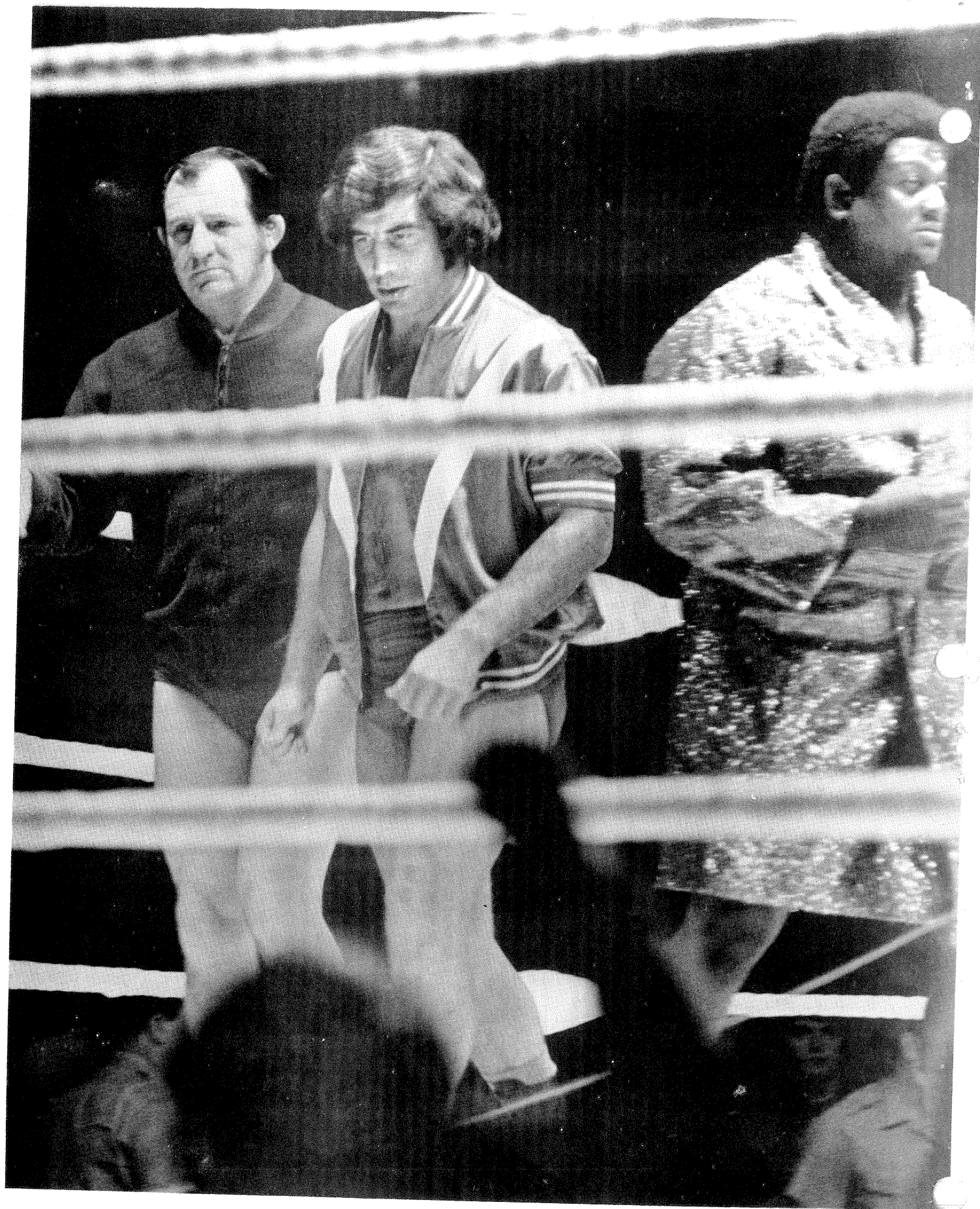
DECEMBER - The midgets appeared with Bobo Johnson & Cowboy Lang whipping Wee Willie Wilson & Little Bruiser. . Miss Vachon made it 3 straight in 1972 beating Jean Antoine. . . A bad month for Nick Bockwinkel who was beaten by Robinson and also in a return quest for the tag title. . . After a long absence, Dr. X returned, and was the fans' choice, as he defeated Pretty Boy Larry Hennig.

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19 Names of women wrestlers found in puzzle on P.1 are: Antoine, Banner, J. Becker, Ann Casey, D. Christenello, Susan Green, Jasmine, D. Johnson, D. Lemke, Moolah, M.J. Mull, Betty Niccoli, Noble, Peggy Patterson, Toni Rose, P. Steele, T. N. Turner, Vivian Vachon, V. Williams.



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